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Presidential Address

To the 137th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society
Adyar, 26 December 2012

Dear Brethren, I am happy to present this report, which gives a very brief idea of the extent to which the work of the Society has been carried on during the past year. But before I do so I would like to welcome all of you to this 137th Annual Convention which, like the others held up to now, has been a large gathering. To gather, not only to the same extent an outline of work done, but also more importantly the higher influences which come from above, is of great importance. A Convention held in the right spirit, can create an atmosphere which is blessed, and influences many people not only in the gatherings, but outside them. We can thus be a part of the teachings of the Great Ones, and become the channel of their powerful influence (Please rise)

May those who are the embodiment of Love Immortal bless with their help and guidance this Society, founded to be a channel for their work. May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it with their Power, and energize it with their Activity.

I am happy to open this 137th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society.

The Convention is an occasion for all of us to give our thoughts to what the Society must do to carry out its work in the intended way. Up to now it has been working at making the world happier, perhaps a little better than it was before. If we look back we can see that the Society has accomplished much, particularly in the West. It has taken part in changing many peoples' views and thus taken a step forward in the necessary direction. It has had its own place in changing the attitudes of people in general — from blind obedience to religious leaders of

various communities to free examination of how we think and what we think. This process is not over by any means. Man, especially the modern, enquiring man, has understood life from a scientific point of view and must perhaps cast a necessary look to see whether he can accomplish what is intended for human beings in the evolutionary way.

The human being must look at the whole of life, and only then may he perceive the path that humanity has to tread. We have indeed looked at life from a sharper, more advanced view. But the

various sciences which are contributing to the most up-to-date outlook do not even try to meet each other to arrive at a comprehensive view. The most striking part of the scientific advance is that at present the scientific outlook makes it possible to go to war with weapons so advanced that they may achieve much, but also destroy what they cannot replace.

Other kinds of life have existed and still exist in the world, but it has not made the human being wiser to know about them. Most people think they know, but what they know is all at the same level. They do not know the direction in which humans should move, the objectives they need to incorporate, and also, the purpose and beauty which are an intrinsic part of the marvel that is life. In fact, man does not realize that he is part of one great creation, an undivided whole.

The result of the present-day attitude, with all the advancements in knowledge both theoretical and practical, is to make man believe that he is the master at the top of all that exists. The many forms of Nature and the creatures in it, as well as the role they can play in taking nature forward, is lost or misinterpreted, or even put to an end. The number of creatures lost is very large and cannot be replaced. But man does not know what he really destroys, whether it is a form of life which will lead to advancement or not.

It is sane and important to find out what is really necessary to have a good future. Much depends on what we are and what we do now. The majority of people

do not see the need for thinking about the future for humanity, or the future of the planet. They behave more or less as if it has come to a stop in the direction of the future. But the fact is that what we do now makes a great deal of difference to what happens to us in the future.

The quality of life, what we have in mind about humanity's development and the development of all the creatures that exist now is going to have a great effect. But we go on as if what we care for should be present only and that too what we can see of the present. But that is not so.

Even if we think we can see, there is a great difference between man as he is now and as he will be in the future. The great teachers of the world were those who behaved wisely even when others did not; and not those who could see that it was not the right action, but at the same time, felt compelled to repeat these actions and, gave back only what they saw and not something higher, more spiritual and true.

The well-known story of Angulimala illustrates this. After he talked with the Buddha, he was no longer influenced by the attitude of a would-be killer. His attitude transformed from that of a killer to a good man, and grew into greater goodness. This is the response of those who have gone forward spiritually. And so the higher grows to become spiritual and in turn changes those who do not behave as he does, since he goes the way of the pure and intelligent.

Every one of us has a duty to see more widely and more accurately, to become aware of the difference between the best

and the others. In fact, most of the spiritual men who have helped other human beings were those who always did the right action by watching and seeing the difference between the worldly and the spiritual.

We have to work in the direction of greater spirituality. Therefore the advice given to us is to not return anything but the good and the true. The person who does not know learns more than anyone in the world, by seeing. While making progress there can be differences. For instance, a person who does not return evil for good, is not doing as well as the person who does not ever do evil, but progresses by doing good in a better way, in every way. And so to others of what they can believe and do.

This is the way the world has slowly improved. But humanity has now entered a stage where what was known by acting again and again in the same way and learning slowly is necessary. The person who knows what is right acts accordingly whatever others may do. The life of Giordano Bruno, who is reputed to have been Annie Besant in a previous incarnation, was illustrative of this. It is said that truly religious people in the past sometimes put up with great hardship because they knew that they did not act wrongly. The good always shows what is correct and true, not what other people regard as impossible.

If we know in advance what we have to do, then the way becomes clear. Everybody finds this out sooner or later, but we do not wish to postpone our arrival at the entrance to the path, and so we try

to understand the whole process. In an ordinary situation we know what the end is, and that helps to differentiate between what is right or wrong. The same is true of every part of the way when we know where we are going. Even though we may make mistakes, we can correct them without delay; otherwise we just go round and round. That is the big difference between the people who go round the hill slowly, and not go straight up: that of knowing where the top is. So it is important to know what the path is really. Is it going round or going straight up?

In Theosophy we are sure the way is going straight up and not wandering around without knowing whether we are going directly or not. Each person is following the other, right or wrong. But a little wrong movement can be corrected either by oneself or by the Teacher who gives the direction in a gentle way. The Theosophical Society has been founded partly to help people who are willing to receive it and partly to indicate whether one is going right or wrong. Of course there will be people who, to make themselves prominent, show us the wrong method. This is still helpful if we know how to take help. The path is strange because everything can help or hinder according to how one interprets it. It may be varied, but the direction cannot because it does not come from the human mind.

The real Teacher is, like so many other things, a person who is pointing towards the way or away from it. It depends on our interpretation, which can be right or

completely wrong. There was a man who trod the way for a long time but somehow the feeling that he knew better than the person he had to help began to grow without his realizing it, and one day he

had a fall. We must carefully avoid such a thing happening.

So we must watch carefully all the time that we do not take wrong guidance. Watchfulness is therefore fundamental.

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The Internet presence of the TS in America is said to be growing. The General Secretary says: 'It is common knowledge today that the internet is a premier research tool for the global population.' This information is not exactly correct because there are countries in the poor regions which do not have the facilities of the American Section and therefore it is not correct to say that the internet presence is the most notable area of growth.

It has also been stated that the TSA has been working with other National Sections in North, Central and South America. The TS in America has developed some material in the Spanish language which is a good thing. Mr David Bruce is working with several provisional study centres. It is reported that *The Secret Doctrine* has enabled, through its symposium in the Section, to increase membership by 105%. The symposium is intended to continue for two years. The lady in charge of the 'Member Services Department' reports that the downward trend in membership seems to have levelled out. The total was 3357.

The Department of Information has been successful in recruiting volunteers from the local community. The Department of Education continues to help prisoners

for various courses, using Wallace Slater's *Hatha Yoga* and *Raja Yoga* manuals. They have 197 audio-visual programmes, twelve of which have been added this year. They have a video programme with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, which adds to their pleasant compilation. They continue to encourage branches and study centres. The Olcott Memorial Library has gone through a major transition in staffing. Its doors have been opened to children, and young students from some schools have been visiting. The Archives Department continues to answer requests. On Thursday evenings a lecture series is arranged by webcasting many of these. They hope to have the possibility of reaching national and international audiences. The activities of the Olcott Drama Troupe and the Order of the Round Table, also work to communicate involvement and study.

On the whole we can say that the American Section has taken on new life with the new General Secretary, Mr Tim Boyd. Quest Books has also exhibited at the American Library Associations Conference at Arnheim and also at some of the other book distribution centres. The Quest journal continues to be published on a quarterly basis and provides a lively

forum for discussion. The Maintenance Department has undertaken many improvement projects. On the whole, members seem to be happy about changes that have been made.

The Italian Section is the largest of the Sections in Europe with more than a thousand members. In fact, this year we are bringing your attention to first the Sections which have really good membership, and later to the others. The Italian General Secretary quotes from the conclusion of *At the Feet of the Master*: 'The wisdom which enables you to help, the will which directs the wisdom, the love which inspires the will — these are your qualifications. Will, Wisdom and Love are the three aspects of Logos; and you who wish to enroll yourselves to serve Him, must show forth these aspects in the world'. They try to do that. They say that Universal Brotherhood without any distinction is and will always be the Pole Star on the path towards awareness. There are thirty-six groups and sixteen centres which have some members' meetings only and some other public talks. In big cities the Italian Section owns seats in libraries, and elsewhere meetings are held in rented places or private houses. An important role is played by the website, which is constantly updated and has at present about 3000 viewers. The Section publishes the monthly magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia*, which is printed in 1300 copies. The monthly newsletter is sent via e-mail to about 2000 contacts, chosen for their interest in Theosophy even if they are not members. During the last year

the following books were published in translation: *Esoteric Christianity*, *The Seven Principles of Man*, *The Voice of the Silence* and Annie Besant's *Reincarnation*, all of which have been in high demand. A traditional Spring seminar took place in March 2012 at the Congress Centre of a hotel in Rome. The Mayor of the city sent a messenger with greetings. In April a seminar was organized in collaboration with the Swiss theosophical body in Ascona, Switzerland. Some representatives of the Swiss Section attended the Latin Countries Summer School organized at Naarden by the Belgian Section.

An important seminar was arranged on Art and Theosophy at Grado with several Italian academicians present. The Section has always tried to maintain a connection with Adyar.

A Cuban report says that they had their annual Convention on the theme 'The Mahatma Letters and the Theosophical Movement'. The Section lost the presence of Mr Gaspar Torres who is now in Krotona. Ms Barbara A. Fariñas Piña is the present General Secretary. The studies of the Lodges are as usual on theosophical subjects. They continue to celebrate Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. They are going to submit a national decision to the international Society to optionally change the word 'religion' in the motto to the word 'dharma', which they find is more meaningful.

The English Section has seen the first fall in membership in eight years. They are attempting to reverse this trend. This year's Summer School, it is said, was

again a great success. The Blavatsky Lecture was given by Mrs Erica Georgiadis from the Greek Section, who spoke on the Olympian Ideal of Universal Brotherhood. The School was apparently very inspiring. Lodges across the country are working hard.

Another large Section is the Australian Section. A part of the Section's report is about the stewardship of the General Secretary's office by Ms Dara Tatray. Considering the major changes during the year, we are told that the Headquarters office is running very well. The General Secretary Mrs Linda Oliveira spoke at a number of places including the National Convention in Brisbane. The Section has a membership of 1060 including 135 national members who do not belong to any Lodge. In July a mid-year workshop was held on membership and about how to enhance the quality of members and attract new ones. The organization is not as important, they say, as it used to be. *Theosophy in Australia* was published four times in the year and the annual Convention was held early in the year as usual with the theme 'Current Thinking in Evidence of the Third Object'. Dr Pablo Sender was invited to tour the Section in the year 2013 and all the theosophical centres have been functioning very well. The main source of publicity here as in other economically advanced countries was the national and local websites.

There are four lodges in Slovenia, all of which have regular meetings. One new member was added. It was decided to dedicate this year particularly to

brotherhood and harmony and all the lodges can become living fires shining to members in the world. The lodges continued in the path of occultism, and all TS memorial days were attended by members. All the members gathered on the 16th February despite it being the coldest winter of the year. The Summer School went off well with about thirty members attending. Two mini schools were held: 'Understanding' and 'Annie Besant — Great Servant of Humanity'. Krishnamurti's talk 'On Knowing Oneself' was also screened. The annual gathering was held in Celje and four public lectures were given by Mrs Damjana Gec. They continue to give financial support to the Social Welfare Centre in Adyar.

In Austria there are three lodges with fifty-six members and all the lodges conduct weekly lectures on one of the theosophical classics. Members regularly receive the Adyar magazine. In the Austrian annual meeting Mr Albert Schichl was elected as the Organizing Secretary.

The Icelandic section is conducting weekly talks on Fridays and Saturdays from October 2011 to May 2012. In total forty-six meetings were held this year. The talks were printed in the newspaper free of charge, and the usual attendance was forty to sixty persons. During refreshment people get the opportunity for personal contacts. The head of each lodge is responsible for organizing lectures from eminent scholars, professors, psychologists etc., on various subjects. Although the talks vary, they are still linked to the aims of the TS. *Gangleri* is published biannually

in addition to the triannual newsletter *Mundilfari*. The Summer School was held in June and was reportedly enjoyable and useful. There are seven active lodges in Reykjavik and in two other places outside the capital. All European countries have had financial difficulties because of the general monetary situation. The Annual General Meeting was held in May and Halldor Haraldson was elected as the General Secretary.

In Netherlands there were eight meetings of the National Board. The National Headquarters in Amsterdam is open during the week and the membership is 371. We are told that there is a close and brotherly cooperation with the team at the Naarden European home of the TS. The quarterly magazine *Theosofia* is published regularly. There are ten lodges and nine study centres and all the lodges and centres are more or less active.

The French section has been in the same position as last year. There have been problems in 'Marseille' Lodge. A few of the lodges seem to be active and the magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* has been published regularly. The healing group meets once a week to serve humans in sorrow and pain, as it has been doing since several years.

The Annual Summer School in Germany was held in July in a small village with beautiful surroundings and with talks by Ms Mary Anderson and others. In North Germany two meetings were successfully held. As of end-September the Section had 114 members. One must not forget that most of the sections do not say what the difficulties

have been. They will be remembering Former General Secretary Eva Maas who died in July 2010. She was the head of the section from 1984 to 1996.

In Greece elections were held as usual and Mr Theodoros Katsifis was elected as the General Secretary. The traditional celebrations were held on Foundation Day, White Lotus Day and Adyar Day. The magazine *Ilisos* is being published once in three months and several books have been re-printed. The centre is attempting to spread theosophical ideas in new places.

The Spanish Section conducted a meditation retreat in December with 48 people attending, with the subject 'Light on the Path'. The Jornadas Ibericas in Madrid was also well attended with 75 people, and the subject was 'Fundamentals of Esoteric Philosophy'. It is reported that under the supervision of Isaac Jauli, the Annual Summer School was conducted and 105 participants attended.

In Sweden there were three study groups and one dialogue group. The main subjects studied were *The Secret Doctrine* and Dr I. K. Taimni's *Self-Culture*. Two workshops were also organized. Public lectures were held in Stockholm and the Summer School of Sweden was conducted by a Buddhist monk from the Stockholm Buddhist Vihara which is said to have been very successful.

The Theosophical work in Finland continues, with twenty-five lodges, two study groups and 433 members. Apart from the Spanish lecturers the section had some guest speakers to enthuse the

members. In September Mr Jan Jelle Kepppler gave a public lecture at the Headquarters and also in eastern Finland. Oulu Lodge celebrated its Centenary and is doing very well. An exhibition was organized in the name of 'Theosophy 100 years' in Finland and in Kajaani, the Theosophical Society in the north-east of Finland.

The TS Headquarters' Library has more than fifty thousand books and videos are also available. They are trying to reach people through e-mail and with book sales. Every new Member receives two books *The Key to Theosophy* and *Damodar — A Disciple of a Master*. The magazine *Teosofi* appears six times a year and two books *Light on the Path* and *The Seven Principles of Man* have been published.

East and Central Africa is made of four sections, located in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia. In Kenya 'Non-Violence' was marked by the presence of Sri Samdhong Rinpoche in September 2012. His talks were attended by seventy people and appreciated very much. Sri Samdhong Rinpoche planted two trees to mark fifty years of the Nairobi lodge's existence. The lodge has regular meetings and it is said that it is 'a model' for other lodges. Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam were apparently the most active of the lodges. Nairobi lodge has programmes both in Gujarati and English which are held alternatively each month. Their books studies, talks, videos and other programmes are keeping the lodge very active. There were series of talks on the various

international presidents, with a total of sixty-five meetings. The Dar-es-Salaam lodge in Tanzania conducts in-depth study of theosophical literature and has ladies meetings every week on two days as most of the ladies need to have meetings in their own language. Kampala in Uganda has been discussing articles published in *The Theosophist* and elsewhere, and in total twenty-four study classes were conducted.

The Dar-es-Salaam Lodge has been active in helping the TOS as is the Nairobi lodge. The Section book stall is very rich and it is proposed to hand it over to Nairobi lodge.

In March in Russia and the Russian-influenced countries like Ukraine, an all Russian Conference was organized with more than one hundred people from fourteen cities present. In April a seminar on 'Theosophy as an Art of Living' was conducted in Moscow. In May White Lotus Day was celebrated and about thirty people participated in Russia. Many activities have been going on in Russia. Guest lecturer was Ms Gavrilenko and about fifty people participated.

Ukraine presently has seventy-two members and four lodges. The Ukraine Convention was held with more than one hundred participants and the first study camp was held at Crimea with thirty-six participants. The TS in Ukraine presents its work in an electronic form and on the whole it is said that some activities has taken place in a number of different associations.

The Belgian Section has ninety-five members in seven lodges. Thirty members

together make two lodges and conduct meeting at the Headquarters. In the provinces, there is a French speaking branch in Wallonia and a Dutch speaking branch in Leuven. On 16 May 2012 the General Secretary organized a seminar in Brussels which about thirty people attended. From 22 to 26 July the Belgian Section organized a summer school, where members from Belgium, Congo-Brazzaville, France and Gabon, Italy and Netherlands all participated.

The English Section is conducting a diploma course, and so far 250 members have completed the course. The summer school was conducted with great success. The English Section has withdrawn from the European Federation.

In the Southern African Section lecture programmes are conducted at Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban Lodges. The layouts and indexing of the lodge libraries have been made more user-friendly.

There are twenty five members in Croatia and lodge meetings take place regularly in Zagreb.

In Orlando, lodge discussions, study classes and meetings are held regularly.

In the Nippon lodge monthly study meetings take place at Tokyo, Japan, and there is greater emphasis on the study of H. P. Blavatsky's literature.

The West African Section has 247 members. Adyar Day celebration was observed. A public lecture was organized at Accra by the Blavatsky Lodge in March. The School of the Wisdom was conducted in April and August and both

under the Directorship of Mr Isaac K. Zaney.

The Indian Section, which is the biggest, was as usual very busy with the many activities in the lodges. The General Secretary says that if enough human beings could realize the ignorance which exists at present among human beings to distinguish between right and wrong, between truth and what is false, between the just and unjust, they will be able to see the reality: That is why in the Indian tradition stress has been laid on true knowledge as an instrument of inner freedom, to come out of the prison which is man's own creation. The TS must encourage and help members to deepen and expand their knowledge in this sense.

The 121st Indian Section Convention was held at Adyar at the end of December in which the President said the members of the Indian Section have a great responsibility to live according to ethical and other values of importance. To live according to principles has a far reaching effect as shown by the lives of the Buddha, Kabir etc. There were a number of meetings at Varanasi itself and a separate Convention was held to coincide with the Annual Convention of the TS. Before that there was a retreat organized with the help of the Trika Trust in which the General Secretary's wife Smt. Manju Sundaram played a prominent part. In addition to this there were both North India and South India Conferences and many others, which we cannot list but we can read about them in the Annual Report of the Section. The General Secretary visited and spoke

as a Chief Guest at several of these meetings and Mr M. P. Singhal helped in several of these and was the Chief Guest in the Centenary Celebrations of Kerala and Marathi Federations. The Section received several lakhs of rupees in compensation after a part of the premises was taken over for the purpose of widening the road. The Membership of the Section was 11,712 although in this Section it is impossible to give the exact figure.

The Section has renovated the property in Bhovali and hopes to make it a very useful asset of the Section. People may refer to the Annual Report for anything else they want to know about.

The International Headquarters at Adyar has been constrained by the lack of workers. The Indian Government at present is very strict about having foreigners work in India, and going with their own ideas regarding what is good for India. But this has produced a vacuum

at Adyar which we are slowly filling up otherwise. The property in Adyar has done well and we hope to have more information to give at the next Convention.

The whole world has to change from the present condition to a new one at a different level. The TS has to provide part of the leadership that is necessary for this to happen and so we have a great responsibility and whether we fulfill it or not depends on the amount of enthusiasm and careful management put into the work of the Society. This does not refer particularly to the Section or Lodge which we are concerned with, but with the Society as a whole. To have the courage to take the work in areas which will make it of importance in the life of the entire earth. From mineral to human beings, all have to travel to a state of perfection and we must aid this process by the quality of our whole life and the help we give to the elements of a lower order.

RADHA BURNIER

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

TREASURER'S REPORT 2011-2012

The salient features of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Society for the year ended 31st March 2012 are as under:

1. Income:

The details of the income for the year 2011-2012 as compared to the year 2010-2011 are as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.
Interest Received	16,959,703	20,323,227
Fees and Dues	3,007,126	2,793,633
Surplus from Theosophical Publishing House	963,542	961,164
General Donations	279,583	349,790
Licence Fees	144,000	144,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	50,164	66
	<u>21,404,118</u>	<u>24,571,880</u>
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	7,903,958	9,258,361
	<u>13,500,160</u>	<u>15,313,519</u>

The net interest income received for the year was Rs.11,064,866/-, after transferring a sum of Rs.9,258,361/- to earmarked funds. The gross interest for the year ended 31.03.12 has increased by Rs.3,363,524/- compared to the previous year 2010-2011.

The Fees and Dues received during the year amounted to Rs.2,793,633/-, as against Rs.3,007,126/- during the previous year.

The Theosophical Publishing House shows a surplus of Rs. 961,164/- in the current year, as against Rs.963,542/- in the previous year. The income from publication has gone down to Rs.2,719,388/- in the current year, as against Rs.2,979,783/- during last year. The decrease is due to lower exports and non-availability of some titles. Royalty receipts have also declined from Rs.667,805/- to Rs. 491,050/- in the current year.

General Donations have increased from Rs.279,583/- during last year to Rs.349,790/- in the current year.

2. Expenditure:

The expenditure of the Society for the year is Rs.14,107,861/-, as against Rs.17,144,798/- in the previous year. The break-up is as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.
Departments	6,986,640	5,342,099
Charitable work	3,426,635	2,376,641
Propagation of Theosophy	1,509,157	1,394,111
International Offices	707,775	749,345
Establishment	3,319,732	3,252,788
Other Expenses	<u>1,194,859</u>	<u>992,877</u>
	<u>17,144,798</u>	<u>14,107,861</u>

(a) Departments

The net expenditure of the Departments for the year is Rs.5,342,099/- compared to Rs.6,986,640/- in the previous year. The broad details are as follows:-

Departments	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.
Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers	-4,474	-180,994
Garden	1,374,638	1,284,084
Maintenance	<u>5,616,476</u>	<u>4,239,009</u>
	<u>6,986,640</u>	<u>5,342,099</u>

The boarding receipts have increased by Rs.83,041/- and Lodging receipts by Rs.158,014/- in Bhojansala and Leadbeater Chambers combined.

In Garden Department the gross returns from the cultivation for the current year is Rs.523,635/- which is higher than the previous year by Rs.354,363/-. There have been good returns on cashew nuts, mangoes and miscellaneous fruits during this year.

The net expenditure of the Maintenance department is less by Rs.1,377,467/-. The following are the major expenses:-

	Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.
Electricity Charges	1,866,904	1,774,636
Maintenance of		
Water Supply Installations	266,621	231,118
Electrical Installations	147,551	269,304
Sanitary Installations	95,756	149,617
Boundaries	73,971	—
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	3,228,997	1,831,147
Other Maintenance costs including		
Depreciation	635,979	950,820
Office Salaries and Other Expenses	<u>748,548</u>	<u>641,180</u>
	7,064,327	5,847,822
Less: Recoveries	<u>1,447,851</u>	<u>1,608,813</u>
Net Deficit	<u>5,616,476</u>	<u>4,239,009</u>

(b) Charitable Work

The amount spent on charitable work for the year was Rs.2,376,641/-, less than the last year amount of Rs.3,426,635/-. The charitable expenses include the amount spent on education, animal welfare, hostel, social welfare and medical aid.

(c) Propagation of Theosophy

The expenditure on Propagation of Theosophy for the year was as follows:

		Year ended 31.03.2011 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.
Adyar Library and Research Centre	(Net)	604,805	391,740
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	„	169,387	58,532
Vasanta Press	„	-275,520	98,851
School of the Wisdom	(Gross)	72,871	46,252
Book Gifts	„	52,534	19,952
Convention and Seminars	„	883,283	777,803
Others		<u>1,797</u>	<u>981</u>
		<u>1,509,157</u>	<u>1,394,111</u>

In the case of the Adyar Library, the net deficit is Rs.391,740/- in the current year as against Rs.604,805/- in the previous year. *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter* show a deficit of Rs.58,532/- in the current year, as compared to Rs.169,387/- the previous year. Subscription to *The Theosophist* has reduced from 407,327/- to Rs.380,655/- a reduction of Rs.26,672/- and *Adyar Newsletter* subscriptions have increased from 71,020/- to 95,150/- an increase of Rs.24,130/-. Vasanta Press shows a deficit of Rs.98,851/- during the current year. During 2010-2011 there was a surplus of Rs.275,520/-. There has been a reduction of printing receipts to the extent of Rs.355,350/- during the current year. The

expenditure of the School of Wisdom is Rs.46,252/- in the current year compared to Rs.72,871/- in the previous year. An amount of Rs.19,952/- was utilized for book gifts as compared to Rs.52,534/- in the previous year.

(d) Other Costs:

The total cost of Establishment and International Offices is Rs.4,002,133/-, during the current year, whereas it was Rs.4,027,507/-, during previous year.

3. Net Surplus:

The surplus for the current year 2011-2012 is Rs.1,969,005/- after transferring an amount of Rs.3,000,000/- to the Building Maintenance Fund. The surplus for the previous year was Rs.506,518/- after transfer of Rs.1,000,000/- to the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund.

4. Capital Expenditure:

The total amount spent on capital account was Rs.254,814/- and relates to computers, printer, air conditioner etc.

5. Overall Position:

The overall financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory. During the year Adyar Besant Commemorative Endowment Fund, which is the Society's main endowment fund rose from Rs.66,442,766/- to Rs.79,508,689/- and Other Funds from 122,132,795/- to Rs.132,870,975/-.

During the previous year the repairs of the many old buildings were not undertaken due to lack of manpower and experienced contractual personnel, etc. It is proposed to identify and undertake the major repairs of the buildings this year. With this end in view a separate building maintenance fund has been created and an amount of Rs.30,00,000/- has been appropriated.

6. Acknowledgement:

On behalf of the Society, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the continued support of members throughout the world.

Chennai
Date: 06-10-2011

T.S. JAMBUNATHAN
Honorary Treasurer

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED
From 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012 (in Rupees)

	Name of Section etc.	2010-2011	2011-2012
The Theosophical Society in:	Africa, South	10128	7353
	Argentina	274964	77922
	Australia	163558	—
	Belgium	29894	58346
	Bolivia	20041	28134
	Brazil	1113765	678185
	Canada	35420	—
	Costa Rica	—	10550
	Dominican Republic	—	14325
	Denmark	4246	—
	England	—	374047
	Finland	84974	113728
	France	64813	76048
	Germany	41490	—
	Japan	—	22512
	India	89733	126179
	Ireland	16894	—
	Italy	—	166121
	Israel	—	37667
	Mexico	—	26300
	New Zealand	49941	22261
	Norway	6292	8556
	Peru	6045	6910
	Puerto Rico	16263	14060
	Slovenia	12969	13083
	Spain	90630	189188
	Sweden	—	20255
	Switzerland	28630	32241
	Sri Lanka	1200	—

USA	404452	544553
Uruguay	11147	—
Wales	—	7450
Greece	15128	—
Russia	7901	—
Netherlands	176442	—
Malaysia	890	782
Ukraine	503	14901
Hungary	29911	—
Central America	2140	4689
United Kingdom	6230	—
Serbia	1100	—
Lodges attached to Adyar:		
Israel	38150	—
Japan	22249	—
Croatia	8428	11642
Ukraine	45313	11723
Fellows-at-large	75252	73922
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BALANCE SHEET AS

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This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our report.

For SRIHARI & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI
Date: 17 Sep. 2012

E. S. NEELAKANTAN
Partner

As at 31-3-2011	ASSETS	Schedule No.	As at 31-3-2012	
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
13,062,009	Fixed Assets	1		12,445,914
	Investments: (At cost)	2		
215,944,786	In Scheduled Banks and Financial Institutions			241,096,138
	Current Assets, Loans and Advances:			
7,670,895	Stocks	3	8,592,833	
994,825	Sundry Debtors		928,655	
5,027,199	Cash and Bank Balances	4	5,405,406	
1,079,273	Loans and Advances	5	927,948	
14,772,192				15,854,842
243,778,987				269,396,894

Schedule Numbers 1 to 7 and Notes on Accounts form part of the Balance Sheet.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

T. S. JAMBUNATHAN
Hon. Treasurer

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Year ended 31-3-2011	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-2012	
		Rs.	Rs.
	Departments: (Net Expenditure)		
-4,474	Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	-180,994	
1,374,638	Garden	1,284,084	
5,616,476	Maintenance	4,239,009	
6,986,640			5,342,099
	Charitable Work:		
1,210,545	Animal Welfare	736,849	
1,522,000	Education	1,052,000	
44,104	Welfare Grants	51,102	
181,880	Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	194,206	
98,300	School Fees and Books	82,000	
151,206	Social Welfare Work	129,884	
115,000	HPB Hostel	127,000	
100,000	Theosophical order of service	-	
3,600	Others	3,600	
3,426,635			2,376,641
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
604,805	Adyar Library and Research Centre (Net)	391,740	
169,387	<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i> "	58,532	
139	Information and Public Relations "	132	
363	Archives and Museum "	-	
1,295	Theosophy-Science Centre "	849	
-275,520	Vasanta Press	98,851	
500,469		550,104	
72,871	School of the Wisdom (Gross)	46,252	
52,534	Book Gift "	19,952	
883,283	Convention & Seminars "	777,803	
1,008,688		844,007	
1,509,157			1,394,111
	International Offices:		
46,047	President and Vice-President	56,949	
365,052	Treasurer	383,506	
296,676	Secretary	308,890	
707,775			749,345
	Establishment:		
237,426	Headquarters	230,627	
110,288	General Manager's Office	75,505	
427,180	Housekeeping	426,897	
395,261	Sanitation	389,094	
2,149,577	Security	2,130,665	
3,319,732			3,252,788
15,949,939	c / f		13,114,984

Year ended 31-3-2011	INCOME	Year ended 31-3-2012	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	Propagation of Theosophy: (Net Income)		
963,542	The Theosophical Publishing House		961,164
279,583	General Donations		349,790
16,959,703	Interest Received	20,323,227	
7,903,958	Less: Transferred to Various Funds	9,258,361	
9,055,745		11,064,866	11,064,866
3,007,126	Fees and Dues		2,793,633
144,000	License Fees		144,000
50,164	Miscellaneous Receipts		66
13,500,160	c / f		15,313,519

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-2011	EXPENDITURE - <i>Contd</i>	Year ended 31-3-2012	
Rs. 15,949,939		Rs.	Rs. 13,114,984
	Other Expenses:		
7,062	Insurance	8,577	
-	Legal and Court Expenses	15,000	
96,440	Audit Fees	92,101	
189,636	Rates and Taxes	87,238	
1,804	Bank Charges	3,831	
644,723	Depreciation	607,040	
35,695	Motor Car Expenses	40,645	
72,870	Miscellaneous	93,640	
146,629	Provision for Gratuity	44,805	
1,194,859			992,877
17,144,798			14,107,861
	Less : Transfer from other Funds		
48,912	Adyar Estate Improvement Fund	37,867	
52,000	Security	59,000	
338,000	Garden	385,000	
	Charitable Work:		
1,210,545	Animal Welfare	736,849	
1,522,000	Education	1,052,000	
151,206	Social Welfare Work	129,884	
115,000	HPB Hostel	127,000	
100,000	Theosophical Order of Service	-	
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
604,805	Adyar Library and Research Centre	391,740	
72,871	School of the Wisdom	46,252	
52,534	Book Gift	19,952	
883,283	Convention & Seminars	777,803	
5,151,156			3,763,347
11,993,642			10,344,514
	Transferred to Adyar Besant Commemorative Endowment Fund.		-
1,000,000	Transferred to Building Maintenance Fund		3,000,000
-			13,344,514
12,993,642			1,969,005
506,518	Surplus transferred to General Fund		15,313,519
13,500,160			

This is the Income and Expenditure Account referred to in our report of even date.

For **SRIHARI & CO.,**
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI
Date: 17 Sep 2012

E. S. NEELAKANTAN
Partner

Year ended 31-3-2011	INCOME - <i>Contd.</i>	Year ended 31-3-2012
Rs. 13,500,160	b/f	Rs. 15,313,519
13,500,160		15,313,519

Notes on Accounts form part of these Accounts.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

T. S. JAMBUNATHAN
Hon. Treasurer

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-3-2014

(Rupees in Thousands)

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Budget 11-12	Actuals 11-12	Budget 13-14		Budget 11-12	Actuals 11-12	Budget 13-14
Departments (Net Expenditure)				Propagation of Theosophy			
Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	503	-181	219	Theosophical Publishing House	978	961	940
Garden	1,445	1,284	1,977	General Donations	300	350	300
Maintenance	6,794	4,239	7,925	Interest (Net)	10,500	11,065	11,500
Utilization from Other Funds	-800	-423	-3,000	Membership Fees and Dues	2,200	2,794	2,500
Charitable Work				Licence Fees	144	144	144
Animal Welfare	700	737	1,500	Miscellaneous Receipts	100	-	100
Education	1,600	1,052	2,000	Net Deficit	352	-	-
Welfare Grants	40	51	50				
Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	200	194	250				
School Fees and Books	120	82	150				
Social Welfare Work	250	130	250				
HPB Hostel	300	127	200				
TOS	100	-	100				
Others	10	4	10				
Utilization from Other Funds	-2,950	-2,046	-4,050				
Propagation of Theosophy							
Adyar Library and Research Centre	946	392	906				
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	69	58	87				
Vasanta Press	54	99	254				
Information and Public Relations	5	0	5				
Archives and Museum	100	0	10				
Theosophy-Science Centre	15	1	10				
School of the Wisdom	100	46	100				
Book Gift	150	20	500				
Convention & Seminars	-	778	800				
Workers' Training Camp	-	-	20				
Utilization from Other Funds	-1,250	-1,236	-2,326				
International Offices							
President and Vice-President	70	57	70				
Treasurer	400	383	500				
Secretary	320	309	400				
Establishment							
Headquarters	260	231	300				
General Manager's Office	140	75	150				
Housekeeping	500	427	600				
Sanitation	450	389	500				
Security	2,500	2,131	2,500				
Utilization from Other Funds	-52	-59	-50				
Other Expenses							
Insurance Premiums	20	9	10				
Legal Expenses	50	15	50				
Audit Fees	150	92	150				
Rates and Taxes	200	87	250				
Bank Charges	5	4	5				
Depreciation	800	607	800				
Motor Car Maintenance	60	41	60				
Miscellaneous	100	94	100				
Provision for Gratuity	100	45	150				
Transferred to Building Maintenance Fund	-	3,000	-				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	1,969	992				
	14,574	15,314	15,484		14,574	15,314	15,484

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

INDIA

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 2012

Executive Committee:

1.	Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
2.	Mr M. P. Singhal	<i>Vice-President</i>
3.	Mrs Kusum Satapathy	<i>Secretary</i>
4.	Mr T. S. Jambunathan	<i>Treasurer</i>
5.	Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>General Council Member</i>
6.	Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Member</i>
7.	Mr Sriram Panchu	<i>Member</i>
8.	Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	<i>Member</i>
9.	Mr H. K. Sharan	<i>Member</i>
10.	Prof. C. A. Shinde	<i>Member</i>

General Manager

Adyar Library

Bhojanasala

Garden

Housekeeping

Information

Leadbeater Chambers

Maintenance

Medical Service

Museum and Archives

Sanitation

School of the Wisdom

Security

Theosophical Publishing House

Vasanta Press

Director

Librarian

Superintendent

Mr S. Harihara Raghavan

Dr K. N. Neelakantan Elayath

Prof. C. A. Shinde

Mrs Usha Umakanth Rao

Mr Krishnan V.

Mr S. M. Amarnath Rao

Mrs Uma Nilakanta

Mr M. Dharmalingam

Dr S. D. Inbaraj

Mr T. S. Swaminathan

Mr J. Suresh

Mr S. Ramu

Mr S. Harihara Raghavan

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

Chairman President, TS

Vice-Chairman

Secretary Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy

Treasurer Mr T. S. Jambunathan

Headmistress Ms C. Mary

Olcott Memorial School

HPB Hostel

Mrs Vijaya Ravindran

Social Welfare Centre

Mrs R. Mythili

Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary

Dr P. D. Jagannathan

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2012

National Societies and Sections	25	Section/Area			Number of		
					Lodges	Centres	Members
Regional Associations	12	32. New Zealand	12	5	824		
Presidential Agencies	11	33. Norway	3	0	14		
Lodges Attached to Adyar	12	34. Pakistan					
Total Lodges	939	35. Peru	2	0	28		
Total Centres	175	36. Philippines	20	12	332		
Total Membership 2011	26,517	37. Portugal	11	0	193		
Total Membership 2012	25,911	38. Puerto Rico	3	0	35		
Section/Area		Number of					
		Lodges	Centres	Members			
1. Africa, East and Central	4	0	173	42. Sri Lanka	3	3	182
2. Africa, South	5	3	215	43. Sweden	7	0	146
3. Africa, West	11	6	247	44. Switzerland	5	0	42
4. America, Central	2	1	33	45. Togo	3	3	36
5. Argentina (and Paraguay)	20	8	347	46. USA	40	48	3,307
6. Asia, South-East	7	1	166	47. Uruguay	5	0	42
7. Australia	11	5	1,058	48. Venezuela	2	0	15
8. Austria	3	0	56	49. Wales	4	1	77
9. Belgium	7	0	95	Total	925	175	25141
10. Bolivia	9	3	103	Lodges/Members Attached to Adyar			
11. Brazil	33	18	714	Number of			
12. Canada	4	7	171	Lodges Centres Members			
13. Chile	3	0	30	1. El Sol Lodge, Ecuador	1	0	12
14. Colombia	7	3	65	2. Covenant Lodge, Israel	1	0	79
15. Costa Rica	4	2	53	3. Nippon Lodge, Japan	1	0	47
16. Cuba	12	0	561	4. Singapore Lodge	1	0	406
17. Dominican Rep.	2	0	38	5. Ankh Lodge, Kiev, Ukraine	1	0	20
18. England	34	6	1,074	6. Aletheia Lodge, Yalta Ukraine	1	0	12
19. Finland	25	2	433	7. Pearl Necklace, Ukraine	1	0	14
20. France	21	3	380	8. H. P. Blavatsky Ukraine	1	0	16
21. Germany	7	1	111	9. Lotus Lodge, Croatia	1	0	25
22. Greece	11	2	224	10. Sofia Lodge, Russia	1	0	19
23. Hungary	3	0	43	11. Garuda lodge, Russia	1	0	
24. Iceland	9	0	407	12. H. P. Blavatsky Lodge Russia	1	0	
25. India	454	0	11,713	13. Orlando Lodge, USA	1	0	12
26. Indonesia	15	2	244	14. Blavatsky Lodge, Qatar	1	0	
27. Ireland	2	1	59	15. Fellows-at-Large			99
28. Italy	36	16	1,031	Total	14		770
29. Ivory Coast	3	0	22				
30. Mexico	12	0	147				
31. Netherlands	10	9	371				

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The 12 month period from April 2011 to March 2012 turned out to be the successive seventh year of robust overall financial performance for The Theosophical Publishing House (TPH) despite slightly lower sales (in the Bookshop and through export) and lesser royalty collections among other factors. Postal shipping rates have gone up steeply but most of the costs are recovered from the customers. Inaccessibility and poor visibility of the Bookshop continue to affect sales there.

Subscriptions to Journals remained static. This has resulted in a deficit as there has been no increase in the subscription rates for *The Theosophist* and the *Adyar Newsletter* for the present.

An increase in the Theosophist

Endowment Fund by the TS and therefore in the interest thereon, would be an additional means to reduce the deficit in view of the low number of subscribers.

For the period October 2011 to September 2012, 23 reprints were brought out despite manpower constraints in the editorial office. Many titles are under process at various stages and our list of out-of-print titles is growing, resulting in part fulfilment of orders. Manpower constraints continue to affect operations in the TPH office also. The online bookstore www.adyarbooks.com, which went 'live' during the year 2009, continues to get modest number of orders regularly.

Mr S. Ramu

General Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

Col. H.S. Olcott established the Adyar Library and Research Centre in 1886 with the main aim of reviving Oriental Studies and encouraging study and research by genuine scholars.

The Centre is functioning efficiently under the guidance of the International President of the Theosophical Society (and former Director of Adyar Library and Research Centre) Dr Radha Burnier, Dr K.N. Neelakantan Elayath, Director and Professor C.A. Shinde, Librarian.

The Library is well known in its field and it has been a part of the Theosophical Movement. The Adyar Library and Research Centre began its work by bringing

out publications on Indian Philosophy and Religion which has later developed into a fine series of publications.

Works Taken for 2012:

1. *Brahmavidyā* — Adyar Library Bulletin Volume 74-75/2010-11
2. Collected Papers of K. Kunjunni Raja — compiled by Ms T. M. Ramani
3. *Descriptive Catalogue of MSS. on Astronomy and Mathematics* by K.V. Sarma
4. Critical Edition of *Sutrārtha Bodhinī* — A Commentary on *Yogasutra* by Ms T. M. Ramani.
5. Preservation of Books and Manuscripts and MSS. Digitalization (CD). etc.

Recent Publications:

1. *Brahmavidyā* — Adyar Library Bulletin Volume 72-73/2008-09.
2. Studies in Indology — Collected papers of K. N. Neelakantan (First edition).
3. *Gangesa's Philosophy of God* by Dr John Vattanky, S. J. (Second edition).

Recent Reprints:

1. *Studies on Some Concepts of Alankara Sastra* by V. Raghavan
2. *Pratyabhijñāhrdayam* translated by Kurt. F. Leidecker.
3. The Number of Rasa-s by V. Raghavan (ALS. 23).
4. The Philosophy of Visistadvaita by P. N. Srinivasachary, (ALS. 39).
5. The Hathayogapradīpikā of Svātmārāma with the commentary *Jyotsnā* of Brahmānanda and English Translation (Second Reprint), (ALS. 4).
6. Sri Sankara by S. Sankaranarayanan, (ALS. 14).

Works nearing completion:

1. *Descriptive Catalogue of MSS. on Astronomy and Mathematics* by Dr K.V. Sarma.
2. Introduction to *Chāndogyopanishad* by Dr S. Sankaranarayanan.
3. *Sphotavāda* (ALS. 55).
4. The Edicts of Asoka (ALS. 72)

Acquisition and Cataloguing:

During the year under report 100 books were purchased and 1000 books were accessed, 150 books were catalogued and added to the Library collections.

Our thanks for 1300 books received from various sources as gifts. Most of the books are from the President's Office, TPH, Secretary's Office and TPH Wheaton.

Service Rendered:

During the year under report total of 47811 frames of photocopies were taken out of which frames 230 were Palm Leaves Mss, 388 frames Paper Mss, 4331 frames of Transcripts, 507 frames of rare books, and other 890 frames of books for Adyar Library.

During the year under report 1516 Readers and 554 Borrowers used the Library and consulted 6246 books and Borrowed 868 books; 80 rare books, 118 MSS. were consulted.

Conservation and Preservation:

100 books were repaired, 250 books were bound, 30 books were photocopied and 185 book wrappers were repaired.

Computer Section:

6000 cards were catalogued and entered, 4000 cards were checked.

Scholars:

25 Scholars from various universities used the Library.

Visitors:

The Display Room was visited by 1357 visitors, and the Reading Room was visited by 2215 visitors during the year.

Prof. C. A. Shinde
Librarian

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The School of the Wisdom conducted four courses in 2012.

The first course was directed by Dr Ravi Ravindra from 9 January to 2 February. The theme was 'Explorations in the *Rig Veda*.'

The second course was held from 5 to 23 November. The Director was Prof.

R. C. Tampi. The course was on 'Secret Doctrine' by H. P. Blavatsky.

Mr P. K. Jayaswal directed the third course on 'The Science of Yoga' from 26 November to 7 December.

From 10 December to 14 December Prof. C. A. Shinde directed a course on 'The Science of Life'.

ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

(No report)

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

The OES continued to function as a separately registered society under the Chairmanship of Mrs Radha Burnier, President of the TS. During the 2011 Annual Convention of the TS, a presentation was made regarding the work of the OES. A brochure has also been printed highlighting the work of the OES which is given to the visitors. This has increased awareness of the good work being done by the OES units leading to higher donations in response. On White Lotus Day, the OES has started a Visitors Centre for the TS in the Social Welfare Centre premises. The centre has over 300 theosophical books, a number of theosophical magazines, information booklets on TS, Theosophy and OES, and over 50 beautiful photographs of flowers, trees, birds and buildings from the TS campus.

Olcott Memorial High School

The school provides free education and has 459 students – 199 girls and 260 boys. 29 new students were admitted to the 1st

standard and 22 others took admission in higher classes this year. The students were provided free textbooks, breakfast of kanji, protein supplement with the noon meal, 2 sets of uniforms for each child, stationery and notebooks. Dr R. Revathy conducts regular health check-ups. Free eye and skin check-ups were also done and workshops on personal hygiene and cleanliness, healthy food and eating habits were organized. Guidance and counselling continued, many children and parents were able to get advice and support in dealing with problems, both academic and emotional. Several teaching aids were prepared and used by the teachers. Extra classes for children needing additional academic support were regularly conducted. A neighbourhood school in Gandhi Nagar has provided two qualified teachers and also contributes about INR 20,000 per month towards provision of nutritional supplements for the school children.

Computer literacy has improved amongst

members of the staff. Communication in English was another area of focus.

The 10th Standard (SSLC) Board result this year has been an all time high: 38 out of 39 students cleared the exams held in March 2012 and the remaining one has cleared the re-exams in June 2012. All the 39 students have taken up further studies. Some of them have joined polytechnic courses.

Sports was given due importance and children enjoyed the regular hours on the games field. Craft education was continued. The students also participated in Yoga, Karate and Dance classes. Some of the students are learning photography under the guidance of Dr Alaganathan. The students participated in a symposium on 'Caring for Life'; 115 students of the school were given the IAYP Silver Awards (under the scheme of International Awards for Young People, also called the Duke of Edinburgh Awards) this year in a special function organized at the British Council. One of the school teachers was also given a special IAYP award for her contribution.

Social Welfare Centre

The Social Welfare Centre runs a day care centre cum nursery school for children of working parents from low income group. This year the centre took care of 65 children who were provided with nutritious food, milk and fruits. The children were taught colouring, numbers, alphabets, rhymes, songs and dance. Several festivals and days of national importance were celebrated in which the children took part with great enthusiasm. The children were also taken for visits to parks and zoos

outside. Dr R. Revathy visited the centre regularly for conducting health check-ups and also provided guidance to parents on health care for the children.

Vocational Training Centre

During the year, 18 women students were taught weaving and tailoring. The course covered designing, preparing patterns, layout and estimate of the cloth requirement, cutting of fabrics for children and ladies dresses and 40 kinds of embroidery stitches. Certificates were given to the successful candidates. The students were taken to visit Dhakshina Chithra, Poompuhar, textile shops, VTI, CCI, Cotton Street, Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan and Co-optex. The centre prepared towels, napkins, jute carpets, cotton carpets, meditation mats, variety of ladies handbags, travelling bags and purses which were displayed and sold during the convention.

The Vocational Training Centre was shifted to the Yellow Building in the Damodar Gardens one year back. For conducting more vocational training courses on a regular basis, the foundation was laid and construction work started for a semi-permanent prefabricated structure in the Damodar Gardens under the supervision of Mr Ram Kumar. Specific donations of INR 1 million and INR 25,000 have also been received from two donors.

HPB Hostel

This year the hostel accommodated 19 boys, 4 of them have left after successfully completing class XII studies. The boys follow a daily routine that includes

morning and evening prayers, meditation and completion of school homework. Nutritious food is given to the boys and periodical medical check-ups are done. During the holidays, plastic removal campaign is undertaken inside the campus to create awareness of a pollution free environment. One of the older students, who has since joined the Indian Administrative Service, revisited the hostel and spent a few days interacting with the students.

Animal Welfare Centre

During the year, 6399 animals were treated for various diseases, infection, and different types of fractures. 405 minor operations were carried out. In the animal birth control programme, 29 dogs and 5 cats were treated. Animals were fed 3 times a day. The centre also trained animal handlers.

Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy
Secretary, Olcott Education Society

THE BESANT SCOUT CAMPING CENTRE

Thirty eight institutions and scout groups have utilized the services of the Camping Centre. Around 1800 children have benefited through camping

activities and enriched their knowledge in scout crafts.

Mr A. Victor Frank
For the Besant Scouting Centre

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

The year has been spent in preparation for the International Working Conference of the TOS in 2013. The brochure by the TOS United Nations Committee on the TS's history of support for the UN and its predecessor, the League of Nations has been translated into Spanish, French and Bengali, with Assamese, Hindi and Gujarati translations underway. The TOS Healing Ritual continues to be performed around the world, with new groups in Costa Rica, Germany, Hungary and Mexico joining. The international e-newsletter is distributed to over a thousand. The website at <http://international.theoservice.org> provides fresh information.

In the face of last year's famine in the Horn of Africa, the TOS in Kenya provided food for 55 families there until the return of the rains. With funds collected by the TS and the TOS in Kenya a bore well and a water pump were installed, and seeds, fruit trees and solar lamps were bought. The TOS in India integrates its activities into the TS. Over 100 groups organized in 20 regions engage in service. 38 TOS members applied for membership in the TS, and two new Lodges were formed. 100,000 notebooks with Annie Besant's photograph and the objects of the TS were distributed to school and college students. The TOS in Chennai launched a new medical programme

for the underprivileged, starting with a health check-up for the workers and employees at the Adyar Estate. Important for the long term growth of the TOS is the work undertaken by the National Director and the National Secretary, Mr B. L. Bhattacharyya and Dr T. K. Nair, to regularize and systematize the administrative side of the organization.

In the Philippines a vegetarian restaurant has been opened beside the Theosophical Bookstore. Theosophists are invited to conduct seminars for military personnel on self-awareness, meditation, stress management, service and leadership, values and moral integrity. Land has been purchased for a school branch of the Golden Link College, established ten years ago by the TOS. A piece of land has been donated to the TOS for another school branch. TOS groups in Brazil gathered signatures for the NGO Brazil without Nuclear Plants, painted an old people's home, participated in the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, assisted children who receive chemotherapy. The TOS in America has granted

a \$3,000 scholarship to a deserving Native American student who completes her final year at a college of nursing. The TOS in Argentina worked in social service, ecology, animal welfare, healing and world peace. Members of the TOS in Italy continue to raise money for the publication of Theosophical books in foreign languages. The TOS in Colombia is involved in the work of the Maitreya Foundation for the rehabilitation of people with addictions, and the Dreams of Tomorrow Foundation for children in need. The TOS in France organized several seminars this year. In the Dominican Republic and Bolivia the TOS started in a modest way, with workers providing the needy with clothes and food, protecting animals and performing the TOS's Healing Ritual. In Finland the TOS had been operating for four years. This year's fundraising efforts have been devoted to supporting the operations of the Olcott Education Society at Adyar.

Ms Diana Dunningham Chapotin
International Secretary, TOS

REPORTS OF WORK
IN
NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES
LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed)

NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The membership increased by five, to 173 this year. Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania Regions have one Lodge each; there are two Lodges and unattached members in the Zambia Region. The Nairobi Lodge publishes Newsletters, and the Section magazine *Theosophical Light*. Their programmes are in English and Gujarati. Visiting speakers included Shree Samdhong Rinpoche, Mr Meredith Beal, Mrs Kamal H. Tolia and Acharya Yash Pal Angira, and the topics were 'Non-Violence', 'Buddhism', 'The Correct Chanting of AUM', 'Living Honestly', and 'Hinduism and the Vedas'. The Book Study was based on P. Pavri's *Theosophy Explained*. The English speaking group screened several videos. The Gujarati guest speaker was Mr Piyush Mehta on 'The Philosophy of Dada Bhagwan', and the Book Study dealt with *At the Feet of the Master* by J. Krishnamurti, and *Jeevan Drishti* by Mr Shanabhai Patel. Both language groups held talks on varied subjects within Theosophy, held open forums, musical sessions, joint Theosophical Days and picnic lunches. Nairobi and Dar-es-

Salaam Lodges observed Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Buddha Purnima, Dr Annie Besant's Birthday, and International Foundation Day. Kitwe Lodge of Zambia celebrated Wesak Festival. This Lodge held weekly meetings and studied among others 'The Way of the Disciple' and 'Impact of Theosophy and Science'. The Dar-es Salaam Lodge (Tanzania) held 12 meetings of Book Study, and twice weekly Ladies Meetings. Healing and performing Bharat Samaj Puja were included in their activities. In Uganda, the Nile Lodge had 24 study meetings and discussion based on articles from *The Theosophist*. The TOS in the Dar-es-Salaam Lodge helped Heart Babies, orphans in India, and mentally challenged students. The TOS in Nairobi helped with food aid, providing a bore-hole, donating solar lamps, toys and clothing, and by planting trees. The Section book-stall with its good collection of Theosophical literature now belongs to the Nairobi Lodge.

Mr Navin B. Shah
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

Lecture programmes, study in comparative religion continue in the Lodges. The Lodge libraries are made more user-

friendly. An E-education programme for the younger generations is emerging with the help of the English and American

Sections. The Lodges, no longer exempt from property tax, cope well with the new situation. Expansion into Mozambique with a study centre in Maputo took place

this year and future plans encompass Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Mr Jack Hartmann
General Secretary

AFRICA, WEST

The Accra Blavatsky Lodge held weekly meetings, a public lecture on 'The Challenges of Life and How Theosophy Addresses Them'. Two sessions were held on 'The Birth, Evolution and Destiny of the Human Soul or Ego' and 'The Hidden Wisdom Tradition and the Theosophical

Society'. Adyar Day was celebrated. There are 247 members. The plans for expanding the bookshop are delayed because of financial constraints.

Mr Jonn O. Boakye
General Secretary

ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY

In the Theosophical Centre in San Rafael, the main activities have been the Summer School on 'Dzyan Theosophy: the Theosophical Path of Meditation' and

the Winter School on 'Theosophy Applied to Social Reconstruction'.

Jorge Carlos Garcia
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

The Australian Section has 1058 members, who may belong to Lodges or Branches or else be National Members — presently 135 — attached directly to the National Headquarters. As members come from very different religious and cultural backgrounds, there was a National Workshop on Membership to address the gradual decline in membership. *Theosophy in Australia* magazine, a unifying factor in the Section, was published four times during the year. The 2012 Annual Convention's theme was 'Current Thinking in Evidence of the Third Object, on Subject-Object Duality

in Buddhism and in Quantum Theory'. The Convention was held in Brisbane and was very successful. The Educational Unit of the Section is working on planning a resource package to be sent to TS centres. The national website continues to be inspiring, with the addition of audio files as a beginning of a new online audio library. The Campbell Theosophical Research Library and Archives is helping researchers world-wide. The newly appointed Supporting lecturers visited several TS centres. In the Theosophical Education and Retreat Centre in Springbrook, Queensland, they gathered for an

exploration of Taoist thought, the 'I Ching and Tai Chi Chuan called Heaven and Earth — Change and Continuity' — this was also presented later at the Canyonleigh Centre — and for a School of Theosophy with the theme 'Seeking Wisdom'. The Online Public access Catalogue had 9299 titles from several collections listed by the end of the year. The John Cooper Memorial Prize has been awarded to a postgraduate and an undergraduate winner this year. The Section gives financial support to the Indo-Pacific Federation and to the International

Headquarters. The TOS members help by offering shelter for the homeless, sending mosquito nets to Kenya, supporting Sri Narayana Orphanage, See Vision, Assam Mobility Project, the HPB Hostel, the Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary and the Olcott Memorial High School in India, providing education and health programmes for women in Afghanistan, taking part in the Guide Dogs Association of Australia, Amnesty International and Prisoners Aid.

Mrs Linda Oliveira
National President

BELGIUM

The 95 members are organized into seven Lodges. In Brussels the two Lodges meet at the new Headquarters building for study groups — on *The Secret Doctrine*, Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*, Astrology, and introductory courses. In the country there are two French speaking, four Dutch speaking and two Flemish speaking Branches. A public lecture was conducted

in May and the French speaking Summer School in Naarden, Holland, has been organized by the Belgian Section. The theme was 'Theosophy in Our Daily Life', with the participation of members from Belgium, Congo, France, Gabon, Italy and the Netherlands.

Mr Jan Jelle Keppler
General Secretary

BRAZIL

There are 714 members this year in 33 Lodges and 18 Theosophical Groups. Three new groups were formed and two dissolved. One of the Lodges is inactive at the moment. National Board meetings are held regularly. The General Secretary maintains contact with the Regions' Coordinators in order to organize programmes and lectures all over the country. The magazine *Theosophia* is published quarterly in 1500 copies. Old copies can

be read at www.sociedadeteosofica.org.br. The 31st Theosophical Summer School was held in Espirito Santo on 'The Voice of the Silence', with 152 participants. The 17th International Brazilian Theosophical School, with the theme 'Yoga, Meditation and Theosophical Practice', took place in Brazlandia. The five main regions held regional meetings regularly. There were public lectures and study meetings on Theosophical work and Theosophy

related subjects. Annie Besant's birthday, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day were celebrated along with anniversaries of the Theosophical movement in Brazil. The registration of the books is still on-going in the National Library with plans to open it to the public in 2013. The Advertising Department has prepared about 900 lectures on Theosophy for distribution. Local TV channels regularly carry these programmes. The Cultural Department organizes lectures and video conferences in order to expand the Theosophical work. The Training Department offers courses for Theosophical speakers. A new website has been developed by the Internet Department. The Brazilian Theosophical Publishing House brought out *The Voice of the Silence* (H.P. Blavatsky), *Seven*

Great Religions (Annie Besant), *Seven Temperaments* (G. Hodson), *Light of Asia* (E. Arnold), and *Shiva Sutras* (I.K. Taimni). The Theosophical Order of Service took part in every national event with presentations and bazaars. They offer medical help and promote human rights through religious traditions. Care for homeless people, psychological support for cancer sufferers are offered in Sao Paulo. There is a home for the elderly in Parana, and an educational project for young people in Brasilia, where assistance to children undergoing chemotherapy treatment is also offered. The educational project Gaia focuses on the different dimensions of sustainability.

Mr Mrcos Luis Borges de Resende
General Secretary

CUBA

There are 561 members in twelve Lodges in the country. The Annual Convention took place in January with the theme 'The Mahatmas' Letters and the Theosophical Movement'. This year Lodges studied *The Bhagavadgitā*, *The Ancient Wisdom*, Annie Besant's *Thought Power, Its Control and Culture*, Krishnamurti's *At the Feet of the Master*, *Talks on the Path of Occultism* by Annie

Besant and Leadbeater and *Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga* by Taimni. The Lodges outside Havana celebrated Founders Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. The Havana Lodges held a Summer Conference on the *Light on the Path* and *The Way of Self-Realization*. The conference ended with a public lecture.

Ms Barbara A. Farinas Pina
National president

ENGLAND

For the first time in eight years, due to the general economic depression, the membership has declined. The Diploma Course is nearing the completion of its second

successful year. More than 250 members have studied the course. The Summer School met in a spirit of friendship and its theme was 'The Olympian Vision'.

Weekend conferences were held in the country with good attendance and interesting talks. Lodges ran study meetings and public lectures on Theosophical and general

spiritual subjects. The English Section has withdrawn from the European Federation.

Mr Eric McGough
General Secretary

FINLAND

This section has 433 members, two study groups and 25 Lodges, two of which are in Estonia. Public lectures were held by 49 TS members and several guest speakers from abroad. Mr Ingo de Jong held a seminar on *The Secret Doctrine*, and later at the Finnish Summer School on 'Anthropogenesis: The Evolution of Man and Mankind according to *The Secret Doctrine*'. Geshe Pema Dorjee gave public lectures, and held a seminar on the West Coast and in Estonia. Jan Jelle Keppler gave two lectures at the Headquarters, where public lectures are held every Sunday. The Lodges arranged monthly lectures in 16 other towns. Meditation courses were held, and Adyar Day and Foundation Day were celebrated. To celebrate their centenary, the Oulu Lodge organized an exhibition called 'Theosophy's 100 Years' in Finland and

in Kajaani, in the town's public library. There are 14 Theosophical Libraries in Finland. E-mail newsletters reach more than 400 members and sympathizers several times a month. The TS took part in the 'Spirit and Knowledge' and the 'I Am' weekend in Helsinki. Other lodges arranged fairs with themes including 'Days of Light', 'Days of Spiritual Growth' and 'Mother Earth'. The cooperation group of Theosophical organizations arranged two seminars on 'The Time of Ethical Choices'. The *Theosophi* magazine is published six times a year, with 415 subscribers and 70 copies sent to state libraries. Recently published books in Finnish were Mabel Collins's *Light on the Path* and Annie Besant's *The Seven Principles of Man*.

Ms Marja Artamaa
General Secretary

FRANCE

Our main targets for the year were to continue to disseminate Theosophical teachings to the public, to develop branch work with future plans, to consolidate the inner organizational structure, and to renovate unseen parts of the Headquarters building to comply with architectural law. At the Paris Headquarters free courses are held three times a month on basic

Theosophy, the main religions and modern views on basic spiritual subjects. Public lectures and screenings of Krishnamurti videos are held regularly. The Alcyone Group holds monthly meetings and is applying to be chartered. In Reims, public lectures were held twice a month. The Orleans Branch has been revived and there are enthusiastic young

members in Montpellier. The Toulouse group and La Reunion meet regularly, while there is a revival of the branches in Nice and Lyon. Celebrations of the 17th November, 17th February and 8th May are held, open to the public. The theme of the National Convention was 'Art as a Means to Approach Reality' with Carlos Guerra as guest speaker. The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* is published ten times a

year. The bookshop opened four times a week, and during weekend programmes The Section Library serves members and the public. Entr'aidetheosophique helps members in need. The Healing Group meets every week to serve humans in sorrow and pain.

Ms Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu
General Secretary

GERMANY

There are 114 members, seven Lodges and one study group which meet regularly. Their subjects are the *Secret Doctrine*, the *Bhagavadgitā*, *The Voice of the Silence*, and books by Leadbeater, Annie Besant, Ernest Wood, Geoffrey Hodson and some contemporary writers like Eckhart Tolle. The Annual Summer School's theme this year was 'From the Necessity of Brotherhood in Eventful Times'. The guest of honour was Ms Mary Anderson. Two regional meetings

were held in Northern Germany and one in the South with members, sympathizers and guest speakers. The Library — which houses the Hamburg Lodge — had to be closed due to financial difficulties. This was the only public Theosophical centre in Germany. They are looking for a solution where the books would still be available for a wider readership.

Mrs Manuela Kaulich
General Secretary

GREECE

The Society has elected a new General Council. The Lodges celebrated Adyar Day, Foundation day and White Lotus Day. The two study groups and the two Lodges are active. The three-monthly magazine *ILISOS* reaches about 500 subscribers. The Theosophical Publishing House brought out new editions of

Yoga and Occultism, *Practical Occultism* and *The Voice of the Silence*, all by H. P. Blavatsky, and Ernest Wood's *Seven Rays*. There is a new edition of Leadbeater's *The Other Side of Death*.

Mr Theodoros Katsifis
General Secretary

ICELAND

Seven Lodges are active in Reykjavik, and two in the country. Weekly talks are held in the Headquarters building and in the Library, altogether 46 meetings were held with lectures. Usually 40-60 people attend. The Open House meetings include meditation, refreshments, informal talk, video showing and discussion. The Head of each Lodge is responsible for providing lecturers. Topics may vary but are always linked to the aims of the TS. Some of the titles were: 'On Ancient Temples', 'On St. Germain', 'What is Religion', 'Life's Wisdom and Holy Writings', 'On the

Nature of Time', 'Meditation and Health', 'Philosophy for Children'. This year's Summer School's theme was 'To Be is to Become'. The journal *Gangleri* has over 700 subscribers. There is a Newsletter published three times a year. *Theosophy Forward* is an internet newsletter. The website has been renamed www.lifspekifalgid.is. The Library has about 6000 titles and keeps books for sale, too. The Society is presently facing great financial difficulties.

Mrs Halldor Haraldsson
General Secretary

INDIA

There were 11,712 members in the Section, a decrease by 435 from last year. The 121st Indian Section Convention was held at Adyar on 27th December 2011, inaugurated by the International President. Professor Tampi presided over the Convention, summarizing the achievements of the past year and emphasizing the need for an involvement in social and cultural activities. The Indian Section Convention II was held on 29th December 2011 with short talks on 'Brotherhood is a Reflection in Action of Right Perception' by Mr P. L. N. Prasad, Ms P. Shobha and Mr B. D. Tendulkar. At the Indian Section Headquarters a meeting was held by the Besant Education Fellowship on 1st October 2011 to celebrate Dr Annie Besant's birthday, with the participation of school managers, principals, teachers, and members of the TS. During the year the Headquarters also

celebrated the 136th Foundation Day and White Lotus Day. The Support Convention was held between 26th and 31st December 2011. Twenty-two public lectures were held by the Kashi Tattva Sabha, delivered by local members and scholars from different institutions. A symposium was organized on 'Women's Responsibility in the Regeneration of Ethical and Moral Values'. Weekly study meetings and a retreat seminar — 'A Quest for the Absolute' — were held. Christmas was celebrated in an interreligious way on 24th December. The 89th South India Theosophical Conference was held at Adyar between 6th and 8th April 2012. The theme was 'Universal Brotherhood — Inner and Outer Aspects'. The four-day North India Study Camp was held in October 2011, with 116 participants from 11 federations. Professor Tampi directed

the study on the theme 'Man's Expanding Horizons'. A National Seminar took place in Kakinada on 'The Three Fundamental Propositions: Unexplained Laws of Nature' in November 2011. The Indian Section organized a Workers' Training Camp at Adyar in August. Subjects included the philosophy of the organization, study and work at Section, Federation and Lodge level, administrative and financial matters. Mrs Radha Burnier, the International President addressed the camp participants. Mr S. Sundaram, General Secretary was the chief guest at the 86th Annual Conference of M.P. and Rajasthan. He also spoke at the 86th Annual Conference of the Gujarat Theosophical Federation and at the Delhi Federation. Dr N. C. Ramanujachary, Joint General Secretary, directed the studies at the National Seminar at Kakinada from 26 to 31 November 2011. He was the Chief Guest at the Annual Conference

of the Utkal Federation between 11 to 16 February, and the Telegu Federation on 18 and 19 February 2012. Prof. C.A. Shinde, National Lecturer, visited Ujjain and delivered two Public Lectures there. He gave a talk on 'Divine Trinity' at the St. John's College in Agra on 19 October 2011. Prof. P. K. Jayaswal, National Lecturer, delivered the I. K. Taimni Memorial Lecture at the Ananda Lodge in Allahabad on 5 November 2011. He visited 4 Federations during March to May 2012 and directed a Study Camp at Cuttack Lodge from 13 — 15 April 2012. Bro. B. D. Tendulkar, National Lecturer, spoke in the SIC and later in the Karnataka Federation. Bro. N. C. Krishna, National Lecturer, also spoke in the SIC, Utkal Federation, Rayalaseema Federation and took a study class at Vishakhapatnam.

Mr Sundaram
General Secretary

INDONESIA

(No report)

ITALY

Due to Italy's geography and its population living in many small towns, thirty-six Groups and sixteen Centres held regular members' meetings and public lectures either in private homes or at rented halls. The web portal is visited by over 3000 viewers every month. Here, the many public activities of the Society are advertised and videos of Theosophical conferences can be watched. The monthly

magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* is printed in 1300 copies and has over 1000 subscriptions. The monthly e-newsletter reaches over 2000 contacts. The Edizioni Teosofiche Italiane acquired the rights of several titles from the TPH to bring out English editions of Theosophical books. Newly published books include *Esoteric Christianity*, *The Seven Principles of Man*, *The Voice of the Silence*, *Reincarnation*

and *At the Feet of the Master*. The Italian Section organized a Spring Seminar in Rome on 'Yoga Paths: Towards the Union with the Divine'. In April a Swiss-Italian theosophical seminar was held on the topic 'Notes on Theosophy'. The theme of the 98th National Congress of the I.T.S. in early June was, 'The Esotericism of

Religions'. The Section organized an important theosophical seminar on 'Art and Theosophy', with well-known speakers. The TOS supported charitable initiatives in Italy, Kenya, India, Pakistan, Burma and the Philippines.

Mr Antonio Girardi
General Secretary

MEXICO

There are 11 Lodges and 5 study Centres, two of which are new. There are also new groups trying to form further study groups in different parts of the Mexican Republic. Thanks to the webpage www.sociedadteosofica.mx, and to the facebook site Sociedad Teosofica en Mexico, many interested people contacted the TS this year. Theosophical questions were answered by a special Link's Agency. At the beginning of the year the National President and Ms Nelda Samarel, ex-director of the Institute of Krotona went on a lecture-tour. They spoke on 'The Law of Compassion' and 'An Introduction to *The Mahatma Letters*'. A Conference with Mr Fernando Torrijos was held on the theme the 'Flame of the Attention'. Courses at the National Headquarters included

'Fundamental Issues of 29th Century Theosophy', 'Practical Theosophy', 'Awakening of the Theosophist', and 'The Divine Laws'. The 10th Seminary of the Caribbean Zone was held with Mexican participation in Nicaragua. The annual meeting of the country took place with high participation. Mr Tim Boyd (TSA) directed the Wisdom School of Theosophy on 'Essentials of Spiritual Practice'. The TOS held healing courses and helped animals. Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Foundation day and the 94th anniversary of the Theosophical Society in Mexico were celebrated. The Section has legal problems concerning their three buildings, which it is trying to solve.

Mrs Lissette Arroyo
General Secretary

THE NETHERLANDS

There are 371 members, 10 Lodges and 9 study centres in the country. The Society organized several lectures and retreats in Dutch and English. Topics included 'The Eternal Mother', 'Discovering Silence' and its 'Deeper Aspects', 'Big Bang and H. P.

Blavatsky', 'Science and Spirituality', 'Metaphysics in the Spirit of Theosophy', 'Cosmogenesis as Described in the Stanzas of Dzyan', 'The Paramitas or Transcendental Virtues', 'Consciousness in Crisis', and 'Meditation for Peace'. The magazine

Theosophia is also published on the internet. The Publishing House brought out several new editions, among others, *Occult Glossary — Ganesh*. There is a good bookshop at the Amsterdam Headquarters, and a library that is linked to the libraries of the different Lodges. Two groups of the National Study Centre at the Headquarters are working with *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters*. The group Theosophical Landscape meets twice a year for discussions. Lodges meet

for lectures, meditation and study. Some of their topics were: 'Living in Reality', 'As Above so Below', 'Bhagavadgitā', 'The Nature of Mind', 'Krishnamurti', 'Ancient Wisdom Modern Insight', 'The Secret Doctrine', 'HPB's Diagram of Meditation', 'Atman', 'The Upanishads', 'Pratyabhijna Hridayam', 'Art and Theosophy', 'The Siva Sutra', 'Theosophy — its Beneficent Potentialities'.

Mrs Els Rijnker
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

An increase of 11 members resulted in a total of 824 members. The Southern and Central regional groups have been doing exemplary work, and a new Study Group is formed in the North. The smaller groups are making use of the visiting speakers, the video library and the postal library. The National Council held a workshop for representatives with the focus on 'Moving Towards a Flourishing Community'. A new website also helps to keep the community together. Among the guests for the annual convention were Tim Boyd, Dr Gary Cook, Ted Harper, the Venerable Tenzin, Murray Stentiford and Renee Sell. The theme of the convention was 'Secrets from the Past'. Tim Boyd spoke on 'Elements of Spiritual Practice' at HPB Lodge. The magazine *TheoSophia* is well received and contains the *Vasanta*

Newsletter. Lodges held study courses on 'Self-Transformation', 'Meditation', 'At the Feet of the Master' and on 'Comparative Religion and Human Transformation'. Public meeting featured 'The Souls and Rights of Animals', 'Spirituality of the Universe', 'What is Theosophy', 'The Soul's Journey through Life, Death and Rebirth', 'Elements of Spiritual Practice'. Members celebrated Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and Foundation Day. A Science and Spirituality Seminar was held in October, in conjunction with the Theosophy-Science Group of Australia. *The Theosophical Digest*, published in The Philippines is widely distributed in New Zealand. The TOS donates books for The Philippines and sponsors children.

Ms Sandy Ravelli
National President

THE PHILIPPINES

(No report)

PORTUGAL

(No report)

SPAIN

A Meditation Retreat with 48 participants led by Ms Kim Dieu took place in December, on *Light on the Path*. In April, 75 people gathered for 'The Fundamentals of Esoteric Philosophy'. The Summer School was held in August,

with 105 participants. The General Secretary visited Lodges and gave talks on 'Introduction to the Bhagavadgītā'.

Ms Clarisa Elósegui
General Secretary

SWEDEN

(No report)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The TSA has 3357 members at present. While no significant increase of membership was realized, the platform for presenting Theosophical ideas has definitely broadened. The most notable area of growth has been the TS's Internet presence, with interactive classes and a Theosophical Encyclopedia tswiki.net. The TSA is working closely with other national Sections in North, Central and South America and is in the process of establishing a Spanish language section of their website. A cooperative venture with the Brazilian Section would involve an online television resource, drawing on video resources from Brazil and the USA. Several Study Centres are waiting for certification. The Department of Education's courses include 67 prisoners with 16 mentors. 52 prisoners joined the TSA

and 35 completed courses during the past year. There are 137 downloadable audio MP3 programmes — with 36 new titles — on the Audio Library web page. 45 new audio CD titles and 38 new video DVD titles can be purchased at www.questbooks.net. Two new video programmes feature His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet. Besides several Theosophy-specific video programmes, there is a new 11-minute online video programme for newcomers to the website — 'The Theosophical Society in America: A Brief Tour'. The replacement of the Inventory Management and Accounting software of the TPH is in progress. The H. S. Olcott Memorial Library provides support to the membership by sending material, responding to questions and maintaining a web presence. It has opened

its doors to children with monthly Bedtime Stories, and hosts two weekly webinars. The Archives Department fields research requests and receives donations of historic materials. The Thursday evening lectures included 'Questions About Service', 'The Buddha's Views on Sexuality and Marriage', 'Dawning of the Theosophical Age', 'The Writing of the Mahatma Letters', 'Sacred Meditation Caves of Tibet', 'The Discovery of the Sacred', and 'G.I. Gurdjieff: Waking Up from the Sleep of Daily Life'. The TPH had published ten new English titles this year. The full

catalogue had a list of 12000, comprised of TS members, Quest customers, book-sellers, librarians and the media. The first 40 books have been published in e-book format. Nine books have been published in other languages. *Quest: Journal of the Theosophical Society in America* is published on a quarterly basis. The Maintenance Department of The TSA completed many improvements around the national centre.

Mr Tim Boyd
General Secretary

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICA, CENTRAL

(No report)

AUSTRIA

There are 56 members in three Lodges. These Lodges offer weekly lectures throughout the year. The study subjects are based on classical Theosophical teachings and related ideas. The lectures are advertised on the TS Austria website. Members receive the Adyar Magazine three times a year. The Annual Meeting

of the Austrian Association was held in April 2012 at the Linz Lodge. They elected the entire executive committee, with Albert Schichl as Organizing Secretary and Dr Helmuth Ecker as Deputy and Speaker for the Association.

Mr Albert Schichi
Organizing Secretary

CANADA

(No report)

CHILE

The motto for the three Lodges for this year was 'Spiritual Development, Source of Human Elevation'. The TS in Chile has a new e-mail address: sociedadteosoficachile2010@gmail.com. To make Theosophy known, they publish The Chilean Theosophical Magazine, distribute pamphlets on subways and by the internet, e-publish a Theosophical Brochure, and have links through a blog, facebook and twitter. All three Lodges met regularly this year. They studied *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *The Science of Yoga*. Public lectures included: 'Understanding the Idea of Unity', 'The Eternal Truth Applied to Everyday Life',

'What is Self-Knowledge', and 'What is Education'. Regular meditation sessions were held with good participation. Workshops for members were held on 'Obstacles in Spiritual Awakening', and 'Freedom'. Ms Dolores Gago gave talks on 'Spirituality in Literature'. Members attended the Summer and Winter Schools in Argentina. The Headquarters building has been repaired with the help of the TOS International. Translation work continues; the library is open on Saturdays. The TOS in Chile is helping children and older people in need.

Mr Maximiliano Aguilera
Organizing Secretary

COLOMBIA

A Basic Course in Theosophy, lectures, meditation seminars, video presentations and members' meetings have taken place during the year under review. The Publicity Fund has made it possible to reprint books and leaflets, the magazine *Seleccion Teosofica* as well as the production of CDs with Theosophical lectures. The website has helped people from other places away from Bogota to attend the Basic Course in Theosophy, some of whom later on joined the Society. More workers are needed in each Lodge as the bulk of work

tends to fall often on the shoulders of a few dedicated members. The TOS is active in Colombia, supporting a number of philanthropic organizations, including one that works towards the recovery of drug addicts. The Order of the Round Table is also active and keeps attracting children and young people to theosophical ideas through its ceremonial work. Mrs Nelly Medina has been elected as the new head officer of the TS in Colombia.

Ms Julia Ballesteros
Organizing Secretary

IRELAND

The Theosophical Society in Ireland has reached its first milestone. Eight years ago the Northern and Southern Lodges joined to form a Regional Association. The 7th All Ireland Convention was held on 26th May 2012 in Dublin, with Mr Bhupendra Vora as guest speaker. There are three new members this year. The Belfast Lodge meets on Sundays and studies *Light on the Path* (Mabel Collins), *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* (Clara Codd) and *On the Watch-Tower* articles by

Radha Burnier. Talks were held on 'Reincarnation and its Necessity', 'Letting Go', 'Mystery' and 'The Importance and Hidden Effects of Regular TS Meetings'. Phoenix Lodge meetings were held quarterly. Coleraine Study Group has met frequently, studying *Light on the Path* and articles from *The Theosophist*. The website www.theosophyireland is well managed.

Ms Marie Harkness
Organizing Secretary

IVORY COAST

(No report)

NORWAY

The Organizing Secretary has stayed in Adyar until 29th February 2012. In May Professor P. Krishna gave a

seminar in Oslo on The Need for Change — meeting with the Philosophy of Krishnamurti. In August Mr Jack

Hartmann, General Secretary of South Africa gave a public talk on The Theosophical Quest in Bergen. The Bergen Lodge held two meetings. The International President's *On the Watch-Tower* notes are translated and sent every

month to the members. Dr. Saleh Noshie has taken over as the next Organizing Secretary from 17 August 2012.

Mrs Agnes Gåsemыр
Organizing Secretary

SCOTLAND

Several members have been studying the Diploma Course in Theosophy, introduced by the English Section. Attendance at the Lodge meetings has increased and the programmes offer a diverse range of topics while maintaining the common thread of classical teachings. Members are offered financial assistance to travel to the Summer School in England, in order to widen their understanding of Theosophy.

The Dundee Lodge holds well-attended regular talks. The Edinburgh Lodge offers talks by local and international speakers. It is becoming a thriving spiritual centre. The Glasgow Lodge holds monthly social evenings, a weekly study group and talks by local and International speakers.

Mr Gary Kidgell
Organizing Secretary

SLOVENIA

There are 58 members in four Lodges. These Lodges hold regular weekly meetings. The year has been dedicated to brotherhood and harmony, to a selfless life of service. All Lodges studied the classical Theosophical books – *Self-Culture, Talks on the Path of Occultism, At the Feet of the Master, Light on the Path, The Bhagavad Gita*, and J. Krishnamurti's *The Urgency of Change*. Video recordings of J. Krishnamurti's talks were followed by earnest discussions. Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated at the premises of the Understanding Lodge in Celje, with active participation from other Lodges. In October the 13th Gathering of all lodges was held. The Summer School took place

in June with guest speaker Ms Mercedes Vila Robuste. She spoke of 'Universal Brotherhood and HPB: Some Words on Daily Life'. In the Understanding Lodge mini-schools were held on 'Annie Besant — Great Servant of Humanity' and J. Krishnamurti's talk 'On Knowing Oneself'. The Annual Gathering took place in Celje, with lectures delivered by the Presidents of every Lodge. Four public lectures were held on the theme 'Know Thyself'. The reprint of *At the Feet of the Master* has been published. The magazine *Theosophical Thought* came out once this year. The TOS gave financial support to the Social Welfare Centre in Adyar.

Ms Breda Zagar
Organizing Secretary

TOGO

There are 23 members in two active Lodges. The Amour Lodge has 16 members and 8 sympathizers. They have studied *Self-Culture* by I.K. Taimni and *Meditation* by Clara Codd. The John Coats Lodge consists of 7 members and 9 sympathizers and studied *Esoteric Christianity* by Annie Besant and *Theosophy in the 20th Century* by H. Bohrer. The Krishnamurti Lodge does not participate in the activities of the TS in Togo any longer. In May two brothers organized a Theosophical Seminar in the North with the themes: 'What is Theosophy', 'The Theosophical Society', 'The Power of

Thought for the Transformation of the Self', 'How to Understand the Bible', and 'The Law of Affinity'. This new group also supports a member who is almost blind. In August a National Seminar was organized, renewing the National Board. The participants attended lectures on 'Meditation', 'Lust, a Great Obstacle to Evolution' and 'The Rite'. The TS France continues to support the TS Togo by sending *Le Lotus Bleu*, *The Theosophist*, *Theosophical Digest*, *Adyar Newsletter*, and *Theosophist* in Australia.

Mr Kouma Dakey
Organizing Secretary

URUGUAY

Lodges here meet every week. Some of the books studied by them were *Seek the Way* (Rohit Mehta), *The Flight of the Eagle* (J. Krishnamurti), *The Power of the Now* (Eckhart Tolle), *The Secret Doctrine* (H.P. Blavatsky). Public talks were held on 'The Exile of the Soul', 'A Basic Introductory Course in Theosophy', and 'The Reality of the Invisible'. The Library

is very active and welcomes members and the public alike. The Theosophical Order of Service recycles bottle tops to help feed dogs at animal dispensaries, helps bus companies to buy wheelchairs for disabled people and offers free diabetes screening in collaboration with the Lion's Club.

Ms Dolores Gago
Organizing Secretary

WALES

There are 77 members in four Lodges, and one Centre. There is a decline in attendance in Bangor and Conwy, but a considerable increase at Colwyn Bay and Swansea Lodges. 29 members failed to renew their membership and 11 new members were admitted. The number of unattached members remains the same at 21. Public talks were given monthly at the

Bangor and Colwyn Bay Lodges and the Holyhead Centre. Visiting speakers were: Gary Kidgell, Organizing Secretary from Scotland, David Roef from Belgium and Colin Price from England. Talks by members included 'Theosophy and Quantum World', 'Developing the Intuition', 'How to Harness your Emotions', 'How do we Affect the World',

and 'Eastern Christianity'. Monthly study meetings have been held at all the venues. In January Mr Eric McGough started a series on 'Basic Theosophy'. His talks given at the Holyhead Centre can be watched on YouTube. Swansea Lodge continues with a monthly study of Theosophy, Conwy Branch with their studies of the *Bhagavad Gita*. A new library has been organized at the Bangor Lodge. The English Section's Diploma Course is welcomed with great

enthusiasm and positive comments by the members. Out of the 22 from the Welsh Region who took the course, 17 were awarded a diploma. 20 members are taking the course again this year. At the National Council Meeting in April 2012 the Welsh National Council voted unanimously to withdraw from the Federation of National Societies in Europe.

Ms Julie Cunningham
Organizing Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

ASIA, SOUTH-EAST

(No report)

BOLIVIA

Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and Wesak have been celebrated by the lodges. Joint meetings were held in different Lodges, with themes like 'The Elementals', 'Spiritual Attitude', 'The Awakening of Awareness', 'Forgiveness', 'The Higher Self', 'The Buddha' and 'Remarks on World Water Day'. There were National Sessions in April 2012, organized by four Lodges. Three Lodges were responsible for the National Gathering in August, with the subject 'Light on the Path'. The Theosophical Society's National Meeting was held in La Paz city in September on HPB's *Practical Occultism*, with the participation of six Lodges. Several series of public conferences were held in February in Cochabamba. Subjects included 'Remarks about the 2012 Prophecies', 'The Elementals', 'Spirits of Nature', 'Analysis of Public and Cabalistic Aspects', and 'Exploring Reincarnation'. A series of films were shown there in March: *Mahabharata*, *The Pacific Warrior*, and *Zen Buddhism*. In June several public talks were given in Cochabamba on 'Raja Yoga', 'Youth', 'Rebelliousness', 'Liberty and Fraternity',

'The Conquest of Inner Nature', and 'Meditation and its Benefits for Spiritual Life'. There was a three-month long 'Raja Yoga and Meditation' workshop. The Inti Lodge studied *Man, God and the Universe*. The Alaya des los Andes Lodge studied *The Secret Doctrine* Volume II, and Letters from the Masters. The John Coats Lodge studied *This Dynamic Universe*, *Body without Age*, *Mind without Time and Daily Meditations*. The Loto Blanco Lodge studied *Key to Theosophy*. The HPB Lodge studied *Renovating Ourselves*. Monday to Saturday study sessions were held for members and supporters. The Tarija City Study Groups meet three times a week, showing great interest in analyzing *The Science of Yoga*, *God, Man and the Universe*, and *Daily Meditations*. The Oruro City Study Groups gather once a week and hope to set up a Lodge in the future. The Santa Cruz City Study Groups studies *The Secret Doctrine* and other classics of Theosophy. The TOS is active, and so is The Order of the Round Table.

Ms Teresa Wayar de Nunez
Presidential Agent

COSTA RICA

There are four Lodges and two Centres for Theosophical studies. In the Rama Virya Lodge there are 16 active members who hold weekly meetings. The Shakti Lodge has 21 active members. They held 46 sessions. The weekly study programme included 'Step-by-step Meditation' by the Dalai Lama, 'The Role of Consciousness in Meditation' by Radha Burnier, and 'Buddhism and Theosophy'. There are nine members in the Dharma Lodge who studied the *Letters from the Mahatmas to A.P. Sinnett*, *The Objectives of the TS*, and *The Human Principles and Articles* by HPB. The Estrella de Oriente Lodge has eight members who regularly study together. In the San Jose Headquarters of the TS Isis Resende gave a talk on 'Symbols and Mysteries'. A study course is held there for new members. The Rasur

Centre of Studies has six active members who, with eight others, formed a group to study Theosophy more deeply. Part of the study is for TS members, part of it — lectures — is for visitors and members. An Introductory Course in Theosophy took place with 10 participants. The subject of the Summer School in April was 'The Mahatma Letters'. The Mahatma Letters Study Group meets twice a month to study the *Letters from the Mahatmas to A.P. Sinnett* and *The Secret Doctrine*. Updating the website is becoming difficult due to shortage of human resources. Annie Besant's Birthday, Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day have been celebrated, besides Wesak, and the Anniversaries of the Lodges.

Ms Maria de los Angeles Orlich Soto
Presidential Representative

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The National Theosophical Meeting was held in April 2012, together with the Spring School Retreat in Jarabacoa, with 45 participants. Subjects of the talks included 'The Mystery of Dreams', and 'The Mahabharata and Egyptian Theology'. In September Mr Terry Hunt gave talks on 'Ancient Wisdom for a New Age'. He conducted a retreat on 'The Power of the Eternal Now: The Teachings of

Eckhart Tolle in the Light of Theosophy'. Ms Magaly Polenco came to the Dominican Republic several times to help finding a suitable piece of land for a National Theosophical Centre. Atma Lodge held regular meetings and studied the *Bhagavadgītā*. They were also instrumental in organizing the Spring and Summer Schools.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Representative

HUNGARY

There are 43 members forming three Lodges, two of which are in Budapest and the third in East Hungary. Only about

12-15 members, living near Budapest and Debrecen are really active. Five new members joined this year. A General Meeting

was held in October 2011 to consider the annual report. In May a General Meeting was held to review the financial situation. All three Lodges continue to work and meet once a month. Monthly public lectures were held to examine daily problems in the light of Theosophy. Following these, an open meeting welcomed questions about the lecture. Two Lodges held open days for interested

people. The translation of *The Secret Doctrine*'s second part has been published and the translating work continues. The Lodges celebrated White Lotus Day. The Hungarian branch of the TOS (MA-TESZ) is organizing lectures based on one of their projects. Inter-Lodge meetings are held regularly with Theosophical discussions.

Mr Thomas Martinovich
Presidential Representative

PAKISTAN

(No report)

PERU

There are 28 members in two Lodges. HPB Lodge held nine public talks during the year. Subjects included: 'The Secret Doctrine', 'The Essential Message of J. Krishnamurti', 'The Spiritual Life', and 'The Mystery of Consciousness'. The Lodge offered public courses on 'The Basis of Esoteric Philosophy'. *The Inner Life* by Leadbeater was studied and the members followed the online course on Theosophy. Visiting guest speakers gave public talks to a large audience on 'Karma Yoga and New Humanism'. Verdad Lodge had five public talks among others on 'Art and Evolution', 'The Esoteric Aspect of

Music', and 'Karma and our Actions'. This Lodge studied *Theosophical Outline* by Annie Besant and *A Textbook on Theosophy*. The Presidential Agency offered them a Course of Theosophy for deeper study. Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day and the anniversary of the TS in Peru were celebrated. The TOS distributed vitamins and medicines to poor older people. They helped to hold a Christmas party for poor children. The new web page is available at www.sociedadteosogicaenperu.pe

Mr Julio Gerardo Pomar
Presidential Representative

PUERTO RICO

The three Lodges meet regularly, with good attendance. Universal Flame Lodge studied religions, Sofia Lodge studied books by Leadbeater and *The Voice of the Silence* Lodge read *The Science of Yoga*. They also followed John Algeo's

Basic Theosophy Course. Among the visitors were, Tim Boyd (TS USA) and Terry Hunt who held a workshop and a retreat.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Representative

SRI LANKA

Monthly meetings and panel discussions continued in the Besant Lodge and the Hamsa Lodge. Weekly discussions and meditation sessions were conducted, along with video shows on spiritual themes. The visiting guest speaker, Swami Yogeshwara Nanda gave talks on 'Hinduism, Buddhism

and Theosophical Ideals' for both Lodges. Sinhalese translations of Theosophical literature are distributed to Libraries and Schools.

Mr S. M. Jayatilake
Presidential Representative

SWITZERLAND

There are 42 members and five Lodges. Most of the members are old. The Lodges study the books of I.K. Taimni and J. Krishnamurti. In March 2012, Fraternitas Lodge organized a seminar together with the Italian Theosophical Society where the guest speaker was Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu. In

September, Geneva held an Open Day for all the spiritual organizations located in the city. The TS participated and distributed information about the Theosophical Society.

Ms Eliane Gaillard
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

(No report)

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

LOTUS LODGE (ZAGREB, CROATIA)

There are 25 members in the Lodge who meet every month in Zagreb and hold public lectures on Tuesdays. Some of the topics included were: 'The Study of Theosophy', 'How to Meditate', 'Genesis

Revisited', 'Dreams and their Meaning', and several Theosophical book reviews.

Ms Nada Tepsaš
President

SOL LODGE (GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR)

The Lodge was founded over 40 years ago. It has worked to establish study groups in Quito, Guayaquil and Santa Elena.

Ms Fatima Campos Cardenas
Secretary

COVENANT LODGE (TEL AVIV, ISRAEL)

There are 79 members in the Lodge, with three new admissions. They hold four public meetings every month in Tel-Aviv and three in other centres in the country. In Tel-Aviv among the subjects presented were, 'God, Consciousness, Energy and Matter in Physics and Metaphysics', 'Knowing Within', and 'The Spiritual Reality as taught by HPB'. In the Ramat-Gan Centre the presentations included: 'The Transforming Qualities of Theosophy', 'The Power of Now', 'The Ego and the Soul', 'Passion for Life and Freedom from Passion', and 'Devotion and Spiritual Guidance in the Poetry of Tagore, Kabir and Rabi Eben Gabirol'. Another monthly series of meetings presented themes from *The Secret Doctrine* and other classical Theosophical works such as 'Cycles of Creation and Destruction in *The Secret*

Doctrine', 'Self and No-Self in Theosophy and Buddhism, God, Love, Destiny and Karma', and 'Thought and Beyond in *The Voice of the Silence*'. At the Centre in the North the subjects presented were: 'Finding the Light Within', 'Spiritual and Holistic Principles', and 'The Yoga of Beauty and the Spiritual in Art'. Members' meetings were held weekly and the subject of the book study was *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* (Clara Codd). Excursions with meditation took place regularly. One-day seminars were held on 'The Search for Identity, Karma, Prayer, Shekina and Holiness', 'The Principle of Brotherhood in Nature and Theosophy', 'The Law of Oneness', and 'The Buddhism of HPB and the Masters'. Two one-day Conventions were also held on 'The Magic of Life and the Way of Love' and 'The Way of

Brotherhood — the Way of Hope' — both with over 100 participants. Ms Mary Anderson visited the Lodge and spoke on 'The Quest for Happiness', 'From Knowledge to Wisdom — and from Wisdom to Knowledge', 'Paradoxes in *The Voice of the Silence*'. Two introductory courses in Theosophy were held, with thirteen meetings each, and about ten participants. Three courses dealt

with the emotional nature of man. Seven five-session workshops were offered as a service to the community and to bring more people to Theosophy. There are four active study groups which hold monthly meetings. This year saw the 96th issue of the magazine *Or (Light)*. The mailing list includes about 3600 sympathizers.

Mr Abraham Oron
President

NIPPON LODGE (TOKYO, JAPAN)

The Lodge held weekly study meetings with an average attendance of ten throughout the year. There was an atmosphere of freedom of thought at these meetings. Recent studies included the Japanese translation of Cosmogogenesis from H.P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine*, of *Isis Unveiled* and of *The Key to Theosophy*. Members studied H.P. Blavatsky's Theosophical synthesis of the Indian and Platonic philosophy and of Jewish, Christian and Egyptian religions, the background of psychic phenomena and the deeper psychological meanings of occultism, religion and evolution of

spirituality and the intellect in root races. Members also examined the significance of cultivating understanding of the profound tenets of Theosophy in the study meetings. The Japanese *Theosophist* was published bimonthly. It contains the Japanese translations of Theosophical literature, e.g. Annie Besant's *Thought Power*, C. W. Leadbeater's *Textbook on Theosophy* and *The Hidden Life of Freemasonry* and H.P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine* Volume II.

Mr Taichi Yamaguchi
President

SINGAPORE LODGE

There are 406 members in the Lodge, 27 of whom joined this year. The number of new members is directly proportional to the number of classes we offer, so the Executive Committee continues to focus on 'A Course in Theosophy and Meditation' (ACTM). Two such classes were conducted during the past year. A study class on 'Study in Consciousness' was held for the members, with the addition

of 'Introduction and Proem to *The Secret Doctrine*'. The Singapore Lodge organized several talks and lectures, including 'Theosophy on Health and Disease', 'Chakras, Prana and Kundalini', 'From Christianity to Theosophy', 'Understanding Karma', and 'Talk on Freemasonry'. Among the videos screened last year were, *Theosophy for Everyone*, *The Ethics of Occultism*, *The Theosophical Movement*

and its Importance, The Mysteries: Ancient and Modern, and Bridging the Faith Divide. Among the international guest speakers were Mr Hrishikesh Sharan and Mr Tim Boyd. Foundation Day, Wesak Day and the 123rd anniversary of the Singapore Lodge have been commemorated. An important development was the formation of the Chinese Project, the translating of Theosophical literature for the benefit of Chinese-speaking inquirers. Part of the project is a Chinese website that can help over 1.3 billion ethnic Chinese around the world. We see the popularizing of the knowledge of Theosophy to Chinese speakers as our responsibility

until a branch is formed in China. We decided to preserve the legacy of the great Chinese statesman Dr Wu Ting-Fang who formed the first Chinese Lodge of The Theosophical Society in 1922 in Shanghai, and was its founding President. We have decided to adopt the Chinese name Dr Wu chose: Zhengdaoxuehui, for The Theosophical Society. Both zhengdaoxue.org and shenzhixue.org (the previously known term for Theosophy) domains belong to the Singapore Lodge and are linked to the official Chinese website, chinesetheosophy.org.

Mr Chong Sanne
President

ANKH LODGE (KIEV, UKRAINE)

(No report)

ALETHEIA LODGE (YALTA, UKRAINE)

(No report)

PEARL NECKLACE LODGE (ODESSA, UKRAINE)

(No report)

H. P. BLAVATSKY LODGE (DNIPROPETROVSK, UKRAINE)

(No report)

ORLANDO LODGE (U.S.A.)

The Lodge holds meetings twice monthly for meditation, discussion, reading and study. A Theosophical Healing Circle meets once a month for healing prayer and meditation. Nature Sanctuary Day

programme is held every October for nature awareness and gratitude. The School of Theosophy, Orlando offers classes in Basic Theosophy every spring and autumn. The Lodge's website —

<http://www.tso-orlando.org> — has already had over 42000 visitors. A quarterly e-newsletter, *Theosophy Today* reaches 1245 people. For those unable to attend meetings, we maintain an internet study

program which deals with *The Mystery of Life and How Theosophy Unveils It* by Clara Codd.

Mr Carl Metzger
President

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Six new members joined this year. Meetings in Moscow are held weekly in discussion groups and lectures. In November, a delegation of members from Moscow took part in the 136th Anniversary Conference of the Theosophical Society in Kiev, Ukraine on 'Theosophical Teaching on the Path'. Four members from Moscow took part in the 136th International Convention at Adyar in December 2011. In March 2012, the first All-Russian Theosophical Conference on 'Theosophy's Answers to the Problems of the Modern World' was conducted in Moscow, with over 100 participants from 14 cities in Russia. In April, a seminar was conducted on 'Theosophy as an Art of Living' by Svitlana Gavrilenko,

chairperson of the TS council in Ukraine. We celebrated White Lotus Day together with other theosophical groups. The theme of the Summer Camp was 'The Spiritual Regeneration of Humanity', with over 50 people attending. In August a meeting to commemorate the 181st anniversary of H.P. Blavatsky took place, followed later by public lectures. In September, the Moscow delegation took part in the school on 'Theosophy as a Necessary Life Factor' conducted by the new Garuda Lodge in Nizhny Novgorod. In October, a seminar was held on 'The Mahatmas and The Theosophical Society' in Smolensk, with 50 people attending.

Members of The Theosophical
Society in Moscow

UKRAINE

There are 62 members in four Lodges. Two groups of ITS members are engaged in the study of Theosophy, and a third group is in the process of being formed. There are regular meetings in the Lodges and the groups and classical Theosophical texts are being studied. In November 2011 the Ukrainian Convention took place with over 100 participants. White Lotus Day was celebrated by every Lodge and group. The first Study Camp was held in

June in Crimea, with the motto 'Ancient Traditions are Alive'. The work of the TS in Ukraine is presented on the website www.theosophy.in.ua. There is an e-magazine called *Svitoch* (Light bearer) with four issues every year. Seminars, public lectures and round table meetings were held in several places.

Svitlana Gavrilenko
Head of the Council
The Theosophical Society in Ukraine

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

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of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held on Sunday, 25 December 2011, at Adyar

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier

*President and proxy for Mr Surendra Narain,
Africa E & C, Greece, Cuba*

Mr M. P. Singhal

Vice-President and proxy for Ms Joy Mills,

Mrs Kusum Satapathy

Secretary and proxy for Australia

Mr T S Jambunathan

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Mr Marcos L. B. Resende

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Mr Jan Jelle Keppler

General Secretary, Belgium

Mr S. Sundaram

General Secretary, India

Ms Sandy Ravelli

General Secretary, New Zealand

Mr Jack Hartmann

General Secretary, South Africa

Mr Ricardo Lindemann

Additional Member

Dr Dusan Zagar

Additional Member

Present as Observers by invitation:

Mr Kiran Shah

Mrs Breda Zagar

Ms Keshwar Dastur

The President welcomed those present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held at Adyar on 25 December 2011 having been circulated, were taken as read and signed after typographical mistakes were corrected.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

1. The papers for the proposed changes to the Rules and the policy document were considered. Briefly, the proposed changes in Rules included changes relating to nomination of members, manner of voting, restriction in President's terms of office, removal of international officers from office and manner of leasing of property etc. The proposed policy document related to guidelines for conduct, meeting procedures for the General Council and the Executive Committee, minutes of the meetings, travel expenses of the President and the Vice-President, management of Adyar estate etc. After discussion of the papers, none of the proposals were accepted.

2. It was mentioned in the Minutes of the meeting held on 25.12.11 that the annual

meeting would be held on 31.12.12 on a trial basis. However, it could not be organized on 31.12.12 for various administrative and practical reasons. The matter was further discussed during the meeting. It was agreed that the date of the meeting should not be changed from 25 December.

3. Voting for General Council member

The President had nominated Ms Keshwar Dastur for election under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations as Additional Member of the General Council for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

The result of the voting was as follows:

	<i>For:</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>Abstained:</i>
Ms Keshwar Dastur	17	0	19

Ms Keshwar Dastur was declared elected as Additional Member of the General Council for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

4. Report on the Non-English Publications Fund

The Secretary reported that the grant, already approved, of Sri Lankan Rupees 1,15,000/- for the Sinhalese translation of Dr C V Agarwal's *The Buddhist and the Theosophical Movements* had been paid in November 2011. The expenditure has been met from the donation made by Miss Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu.

The value of the USB bonds have increased slightly, and the fund has increased to a final total value of US\$ 107,448 as on 30 September 2012.

5. Report on the International Funds

The income returns have greatly improved and the fund has increased by US\$134,846 giving a final total of US\$ 1,876,165 as on 30 September 2012.

6. Report by the President on Headquarters

As usual we are short of workers. Members from outside India find it difficult to get Visas for more than six months at a time and this discourages those who would like to stay for a longer period.

7. Appointment of Executive Committee for 2013

The following Executive Committee members were appointed for 2013:

Mrs Radha Burnier

President (ex-officio)

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mr M P Singhal	Vice-President (ex-officio)
Mrs Kusum Satapathy	Secretary (ex-officio)
Mr T S Jambunathan	Treasurer (ex-officio)
Ms Keshwar Dastur	General Council Member
Mr Surendra Narayan	General Council Member
Mr S Harihara Raghavan	Member
Prof. C A Shinde	Member
Mr Sriram Panchu	Member
Mr Narasimha Rao	Member

8. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012, which had been previously circulated, were considered and approved.

9. The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2014

The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2014, which had been previously circulated, was considered and approved.

10. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2013

M/s Srihari & Co, were re-appointed as Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2013 on the same terms as before.

11. Discussion on work around the world

The work being done in Brazil and South Africa was briefly described by the concerned General Secretaries. In Brazil there was a Centenary celebration addressed by Mrs Isis Resende and Mr. Ricardo Lindemann where 220 delegates from 17 countries were present.

The General Secretary of South Africa recounted how the Internet and other latest techniques are being used to reach people. The Section is trying to spread the TS activities to places where the TS does not have a presence yet. The Section is also preparing to offer courses on the Internet by mid January so that new members get an idea of Theosophical subjects.

12. Any Other Business

1) The request of the TOS International for a grant of \$ 3000 to help with expenses for the scheduled international TOS conference was considered. It was felt that grants

can be given for expenses directly related to TOS activities only. The TOS International should be advised to send the request after the expenditures have been made and the grant may be provided subject to the satisfaction of the President.

2) The General Secretary New Zealand brought up the mail sent on 6.11.12 by Geoffrey Harrod of the Australian Section regarding a comment made by the President during the GC Meeting held on 25.11.12. It was expressed by other members of the GC that Dr Dara Tatray had been given ample freedom to express her views and there had been intensive discussion on the points raised by her; however, as she was insistent that her views be carried through while the opinion of others differed, the President had remarked that even the incoming GS of Australia had different views. There had been no attempt or intention to disenfranchise the GS of Australia.

